



# NEWS RELEASE

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### **ST. CHARLES CITY, COUNTY INSTALL NEW DRIVE-UP DROP BOXES FOR RESIDENTS**

*Collaboration provides easier access for residents during the pandemic*

**ST. CHARLES, MO** – The City of St. Charles and St. Charles County Government have partnered to install drop boxes for residents to submit bill payments and other items. The secure boxes are located on a drive-up island on Second Street in St. Charles and provide a safe, convenient alternative to entering St. Charles City Hall or the St. Charles County Administration Building. They replace payment boxes located in front of the buildings.

“We wanted to provide residents with an option to conduct business from the comfort of their vehicles if they do not feel comfortable entering these public facilities during the pandemic,” said City of St. Charles Mayor Dan Borgmeyer. “This is just one of the many precautions the City and County have worked on together to encourage social distancing in our community.”

With real estate and personal property tax bills due annually on Dec. 31, St. Charles County Collector of Revenue Michelle McBride strongly encourages taxpayers who wish to submit tax payments in-person to use the County drop box. “December is our busy month and we want to do all we can to avoid long lines of taxpayers who need to socially distance; we are doing everything we can to assist in keeping our community healthy,” explains McBride.

The island is located between St. Charles City Hall at 200 North Second Street and the St. Charles County Administration Building at 201 North Second Street and will be available for public use on Wednesday, July 29. Both city and County drop boxes can be accessed by traveling north or south on Second Street. Following are the items that can be submitted in the drop boxes:

- City of St. Charles Drop Box: Bill payments.
- St. Charles County Government Drop Box: Real Estate and Personal Property Tax payments, Personal Property Assessment forms, and original permit bonds.

The boxes will be checked and emptied by city and county staff every weekday, excluding holidays. For questions, please call the City of St. Charles at 636-949-3200 or St. Charles County Government at 636-949-7900.

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#### **About the City of Saint Charles**

*Saint Charles, Missouri has a proud past and a promising future. Established in 1769, Saint Charles has the distinction of being the oldest city on the Missouri River, and the third oldest city in the state. Saint Charles served as the organization point of the Lewis & Clark Expedition in 1804, when Meriwether Lewis and William Clark embarked on their exploration of the Northwest Territory. Saint Charles later served as the first capitol of the new state of Missouri from 1821 to 1826.*

#### **About St. Charles County**

*Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.*

*With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.*

*St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit [sccmo.org](http://sccmo.org).*