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Circuit Clerk Announces Amnesty Week to Help People Pay Past-Due Court Fines

WOODSTOCK, Ill. – The McHenry County Circuit Clerk’s Office is once again offering people with past-due McHenry County criminal and traffic fines the opportunity to pay them in full, with collection fees and interest waived.

For the fifth year, the Circuit Clerk’s Office is hosting Amnesty Week, during which people can settle their court debts by paying the original amount due before their cases were turned over to collections. Amnesty Week will take place the week of Oct. 5 through 9 – anyone with a balance due on a criminal, traffic, DUI, ordinance, or conservation violation will be able to pay their total due, with no late fees and collection interest that may have accumulated. The amnesty does not apply to any fines and costs which have already been paid, or any tax refunds which have been applied against what is owed.

Since its creation, Amnesty Week has saved individuals a total of \$38,752 in late fees and interest, and \$50,684 in back fines owed to the court has been paid.

“Amnesty Week gives people the chance to get current with past-due court fines while getting late fees and collection interest forgiven,” Keefe said. “We are excited every year to offer this program to give citizens the opportunity for a fresh start.”

People may ask for a quote for the amount due in their cases, minus fees and interest, by emailing CircuitClerk@mchenrycountyil.gov, or by calling 815-334-4190. Payments can be made online at www.mchenrycircuitclerk.org, in person at the Circuit Clerk’s Office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by phone, or by mail to the office at 2200 N. Seminary Ave., Woodstock, IL 60098. Payments can be made by cash, personal check, credit or debit card.

Anyone with questions about Amnesty Week is encouraged to call or email the Circuit Clerk’s Office for further information.

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