

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT YOUR TAX BILLS

Q: What time period does my bill cover?

A: The bills which are due in July are based on ownership as of the previous October 1st.

Q: When are my taxes due?

A: All Motor Vehicle taxes are due in one installment on July 1st. Personal Property and Real Estate taxes of \$100 or less are also due in one installment payable on July 1st. Personal Property and Real Estate taxes over \$100 are due in two installments, payable on July 1st and January 1st. **Please note that both payment coupons are enclosed in the July mailing and a second notice will not be sent for the January portion.**

The July collection period extends through the 1st business day of August and the January collection period extends through the 1st business day of February.

Property taxes less than \$5 shall be waived.

Taxes on Motor Vehicles registered after October 1st and before July 31st will be billed in one installment on a Supplemental billing mailed January 1st and payable through Feb 1st.

Q: How may I make payment?

A: **Checks** should be mailed to Salem Tax Collector, 270 Hartford Rd., Salem, CT. 06420, along with the payment please include coupon from your tax bill. All bills can be combined on one check. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope, if you would like a receipt mailed to you. You can also pay by check on the Town Website by clicking on the link "PAY TAXES ONLINE" and following the simple instructions.

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Credit card payments may be made on the Town Website by clicking on the link "PAY TAXES ONLINE" and following the simple instructions or made in person.

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Payments in person may be made at Salem Town Hall – Tax Collector's Office, between 8:00am – 5:00pm Monday-Thursday. **Please note that the office will remain open on Thursday until 6pm for the months of July and January only.** Please bring your tax bill with you to the office.

Q: What if I did not receive a tax bill?

A: If you did not receive a tax bill for property your own, promptly contact the Tax Office. **State Statue 12-130 states that failure to receive a bill does not invalidate the tax or the interest.**

Q: What happens if my taxes become delinquent?

A: By State law, interest is charged at the rate of 1 ½ % per month on all delinquent amounts on the 1st of the following the due date. There is a minimum interest charge of \$2.00 per bill or installment. **We must apply payments to the oldest outstanding bill first, and all fees and interest must be paid before the tax.**

Real Estate delinquencies will cause a lien to be placed in the land records at a fee of \$24.00. After making reasonable efforts to collect delinquent taxes, the Tax Collector may refer to the Town Attorney for further action.

Personal Property delinquencies are subject to a lien placed with the Connecticut Secretary of State on the property.

Motor Vehicle registrations will not be processed by the DMV until all taxes are paid in full. **Delinquent vehicles taxes will first be Demanded and then sent to the State Marshal or to a collection agency for collection at your expense.**

Q: How is my tax bill calculated?

A: Taxes are computed by multiplying assessment value by the mill rate.

Example: Assessed Property Value: \$200,000.00

Mill Rate: 31.7

Therefore: \$200,000.00 X .0317 = \$6,340.00 annual tax.

Q: What if I have or had an escrow account for my Real Estate taxes?

A: If you have an escrow account and the bill was sent to you instead of your lender, please forward the bill to them without delay and notify our office. If you no longer have an escrow account and you did not receive a bill, please notify our office immediately.

Q: Am I eligible for any tax exemptions?

A: If you or your spouse are 65 or older and live in your own home, you may be eligible for a tax credit which could reduce your tax bill.

Please contact the Assessor's office for more information regarding this exemption or any other that you may be eligible for at 860-859-3873 extensions 130 and 140.

Q: What if I no longer own the motor vehicle or have moved out of state?

A: Please contact the Assessor's office for more information regarding this at 860-859-3873 extensions 130 and 140.

BE SURE TO DO THIS IN A TIMELY MANNER!