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Manchester Reminds Taxpayers- Tax Payments due by October 1, 2020

MANCHESTER, CT, September 14, 2020 – On June 26, 2020, the Town of Manchester mailed property tax bills for the Grand List (tax list) of October 1, 2019.

In most years, property tax bills are mailed in late June, and the July installment is due by the first business day of August. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the due date for the July 2020 installment has been extended to Thursday, October 1, 2020, in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 7S. This extension has been provided for the July 2020 installments for all motor vehicle tax bills, all personal property tax bills, and all real estate tax bills that are not paid by a bank or escrow agency. The Office of Assessment & Collection wishes to remind Manchester taxpayers of this upcoming due date.

The Office of Assessment & Collection at the Manchester Town Hall is open weekdays from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM. We will be open until 6:00 PM on October 1, 2020. However, access to Town Hall is restricted at this time and the number of people allowed in the building to pay taxes is limited for pandemic safety reasons. Taxpayers have several options to make their tax payments. Taxes may be paid online (the Town has waived the fee for online motor vehicle tax payments until further notice), tax payments may be placed in an envelope and put in the drop box behind Town Hall (please do not put cash in the drop box), taxes may be paid on the phone through our online payment vendor, and taxes may be paid by mail.

All deferment-eligible real estate, motor vehicle, and personal property payments that are not received or do not bear a US Postal Service Postmark by October 1, 2020 must be considered late and must incur interest charges of 1.5% per month, back to July 1, 2020. This means that a total of 6.00% interest must be added to all unpaid 2019 Grand List tax bills on October 2, 2020 per State Statute. Interest cannot be waived or reduced.

Real estate tax bills and some personal property tax bills have a first and second installment, with the second installment due by February 1, 2021. Tax bills mailed in June have separate, detachable payment coupons for the first installment and the second installment. There is no second bill mailed for the second installment as both payment coupons were mailed in June.



The Office of Assessment & Collection recommends that all taxpayers mark their calendars for mid-January annually with a reminder to check on their tax installments.

More information is available on the Town of Manchester's website at this link:

<http://www.townofmanchester.org/allsites/main/onlinepayments.cfm>

Taxpayers who have questions or need additional information may also call the Office of Assessment & Collection at 860-647-3018.

Additionally, in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, the Town of Manchester is conducting a real property revaluation as required for the Grand List of October 1, 2021. This revaluation will correspond to the tax bills that will be due beginning in July 2022. The 2021 revaluation in Manchester is a "full measure and list" revaluation, meaning all properties in Manchester will be visited and reviewed. The Town's revaluation vendor, Vision Government Solutions will canvass the Town to perform exterior data collection.

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