



SUMMER 2009 Tax Letter

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City of Wixom

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Summer Taxes

Enclosed is your summer 2009 tax bill. If there are any errors that appear on the bill, please notify our office. If you no longer own this property, please return the tax bill to us with the name and address of the new owner.

Your summer tax statement includes tax amounts for the Local School District, State Education, Oakland Intermediate Schools, Oakland Community College, Oakland County, City and Library.

Foreclosure Help

A number of Michigan residents are facing economic challenges. More and more families are finding it increasingly difficult to make their mortgage payments, resulting in possible foreclosure. Several organizations are available to assist homeowners if they are facing these circumstances. To view a list of these organizations, please visit our website at www.cityofwixom.com and choose the Resource tab, then view the Foreclosure Info./Credit Counseling document.

Property Tax Information Line

A property tax information line is available that allows you to access your tax information, including payment status, over the telephone. The toll free telephone number for the tax line is 1-888-600-3773.

Payment Methods

If you are a homeowner who pays us directly, you have received an encoded bill. **You must return the top portion of the bill** with your payment. The lower portion of the bill is your receipt along with your cancelled check. If you have an escrow account and you received a bill, forward it to your mortgage company for payment. Please notify us so we can make the change to future bills.

Your payment can be made:

After hours: There is a drop box located in the Police Department lobby and is accessible 24 hours a day.

In person: At the Finance Office in City Hall during business hours (Monday through Thursday; 7:15 am to 5:30 pm).

By mail: For your convenience, we have enclosed an envelope for payments to be made by mail. Please make sure your payment is postmarked by August 31, 2009 to avoid late fees.

Credit Card: Visit our website www.cityofwixom.com and choose the "On Line Payments" option or call 1-800-2PAY-TAX (1-800-272-9829) and enter Jurisdiction Code 3232. American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. This service is provided by Official Payments Corporation and they charge a nominal fee for using this payment method. When making the payment, the system will inform you of the fee prior to accepting the transaction. You can also access additional information on the service, via the Internet.

Direct Debit: Visit our website www.cityofwixom.com and choose the "On Line Payments" option. Your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account.

Remittance Address Change

Effective, May 1, 2009, the remittance address used to mail property tax payments changed for all property owners:

City of Wixom
Tax Collection Processing
PO Box 674205
Detroit, MI 48267-4205

NSF Fee

If your check is returned to the City from your banking institution for non-sufficient funds, a closed account, etc., you will be charged a \$25.00 processing fee.

Late Payments

If payment is received after August 31, 2009, a 4% penalty plus 1% interest per month will be applied. The post date of August 31st will be accepted. Late fees will not be waived. If this amount is not included in the payment mailed to us, we will accept your payment as a partial payment and bill you for the balance due.

Deferred Summer Taxes

If your total household income did not exceed \$40,000 for 2008 and you qualify under one of the classifications listed below, you may defer payment of your Summer taxes until Feb. 14, 2010. Applications for deferment are available from the Treasurer's Office through August 31, 2009. You may only claim this deferment for your principle residence in which you are living. Classifications include:

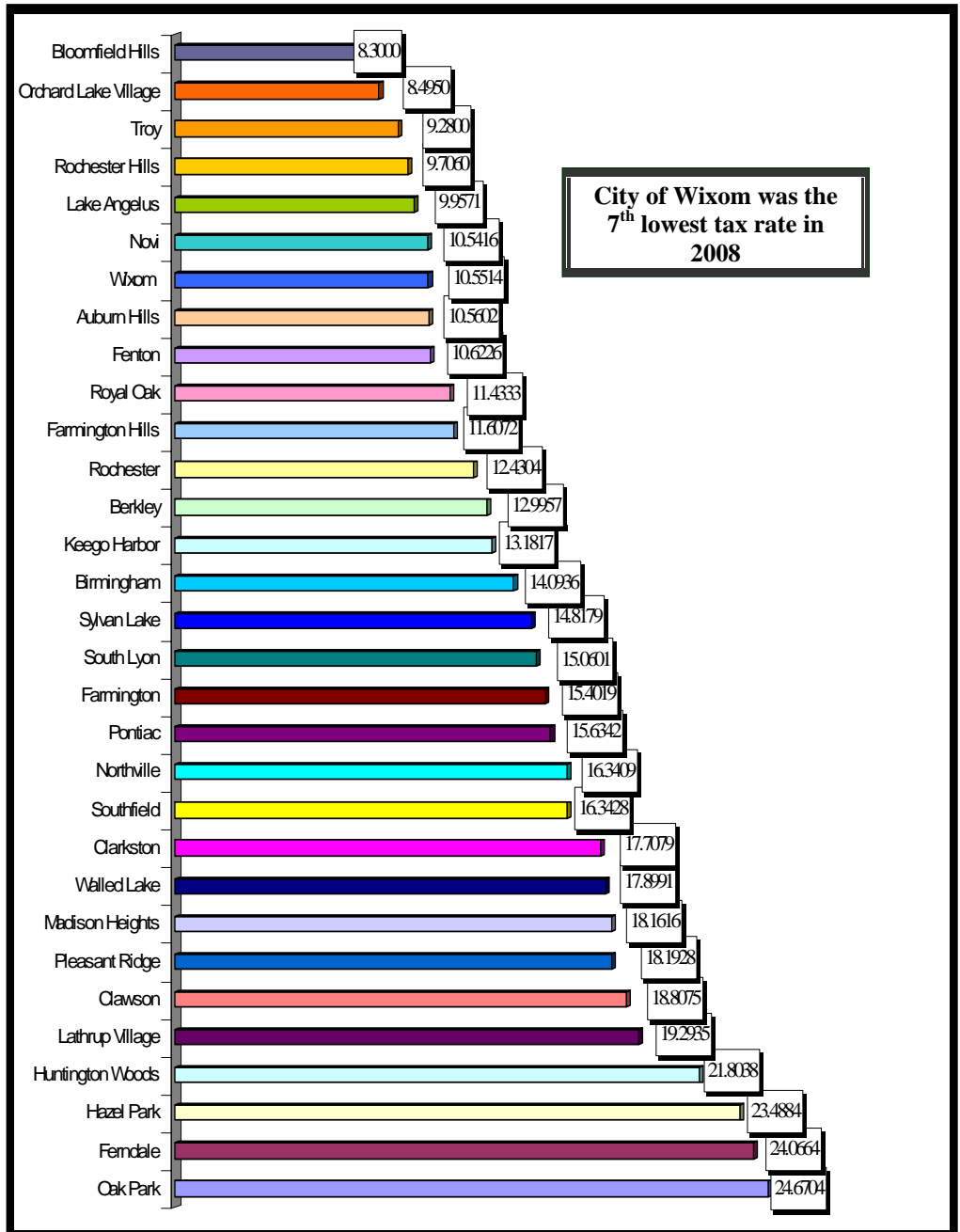
1. Senior citizen age 62 by December 31, 2008
2. Paraplegic, Quadriplegic
3. Eligible service personnel, veteran, or widow
4. Blind person
5. Totally and permanently disabled person

TURN OVER PLEASE

Local Unit Tax Rate

The chart on the right shows the 2008 apportionment of Local City certified tax rates in Oakland County per \$1000 of taxable value. The City of Wixom is shown as the 7th lowest tax rate out of 31 units listed.

Below is a pie chart showing the 2009 City millage rates by percentage. The General Operating millage is used for the operation of the Police, Fire, DPW and other Administrative Departments. The Local Road Program and Bike Path is for the improvement of City roads and bike paths. Other millage rates included in the pie chart are the Major Road Program and DPW & Fire Capital Improvements. These millages are used to pay back debt on bonds for Major Road Improvements and the DPW & Fire Buildings. Water debt service millage is levied to pay the debt on the State Revolving Fund Bonds. The total 2009 millage for the City is 10.8514 and the separately voted Library millage is 1.08. Below is a comparison of the City and Library 2008 and 2009 millage rates, which reflects an overall increase of .30 to the City millages and no change to the Library.



Description	2008 Millage	2009 Millage	Increase/Decrease
General Operating	6.732	6.732	0
Local Road	1.1314	1.1314	0
Major Road	0.94	1.042	0.1020
Water Utility	1.213	1.302	0.0890
Civic Center	0.215	0	-0.2150
Fire/DPW	0.32	0.344	.0240
Bike Path	0	.300	0.300
Total	10.5514	10.8514	0.300

Library	1.08	1.08	0
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