



WINTER 2009 Tax Letter

Winter 2009
City of Wixom

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Winter Taxes

Enclosed is your Winter 2009 Tax bill. Please read the information provided on the bill carefully. 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 Winter Tax Statement includes tax amounts due to Oakland County Parks & Recreation, Huron Clinton Metro Authority and the Zoo Authority.

Payment Methods

If you are a homeowner who pays us directly, you have received an encoded bill that is perforated for easy separation. **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, please forward it to the mortgage company for payment. Also, please notify us so we can make the change to future tax bills.

Your payment can be made:

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 February 16, 2010 to avoid late fees.

In Person: At the Finance Office in City Hall during business hours (**Reminder: City Hall will be closed on Dec 24-25, Dec 31, Jan 1, and Feb 15 for the holidays**)

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

Credit Card: Visit our website www.cityofwixom.com and choose the "Online Payment" 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 "Online Payment" option. When entering your account number, omit the 96 and dashes in the parcel number. Your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account.

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.

Happy Holidays from the
Wixom Finance Department

REMITTANCE ADDRESS - IMPORTANT

The Remittance address for property taxes changed prior to the summer 2009 tax season. A return envelope has been provided for your convenience. Tax payments are to be mailed to:

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

If you make online payments through your banking institution, make sure you change the address since they issue a paper check and mail it to us.

If you utilize the old PO box address it will result in your payment being returned to you from our previous bank. If your payment is then late as a result of using the incorrect address, late fees will not be waived.

Late Payments

If payment is received after February 16, 2010 a 3% penalty will be applied. The postmark date of February 16th will be accepted. Late fees will not be waived. If the penalty amount is not included with payments made after February 16th, we will accept the payment as a partial payment and you are still responsible for the remaining balance. **Beginning March 1, 2010, all taxes must be paid directly to the Oakland County Treasurer, 1200 N. Telegraph Road, Pontiac, Michigan 48341. Their phone number is (248) 858-0611.** During the month of March, a revised statement from the Wixom City Treasurer's office must accompany your remittance to the County Treasurer. This revised statement will include additional penalties to the County.

****TURN OVER PLEASE**

Local Unit Tax Rate

The chart on the right shows the 2009 apportionment of Local City certified tax rates in Oakland County per \$1000 of taxable value. The City of Wixom is shown as the 9th 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 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 |

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| Library | 1.08 | 1.08 | 0 |
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