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REMINDER: JANUARY TAX INSTALLMENT DUE

City of Bristol Tax Collector, Ann Bednaz, announced this week that the second installment of real estate and personal property taxes on the Grand List of October 1, 2024 are due and payable on January 1, 2026. All tax bills become delinquent after February 2, 2026.

"Please check your July bill for the Second Installment coupon for Real Estate and Personal Property taxes and use that coupon to send your January payment," said Bednaz. "It is important to know that the Tax Department does not rebill for the second installments."

In order to be in compliance with the CT General Statutes, owners of Motor Vehicles which were registered after October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025, are also notified that they are liable for a tax on such motor vehicles on the City's Supplemental 2024 Motor Vehicle Grand List. These bills will be mailed out December 31, 2025. This tax is due and payable as of January 1, 2026; delinquent after February 2, 2026.

"Tax bills may also be paid in person at any M & T Bank Branch starting January 2, 2026 through February 2, 2026," said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. "The branch does not have to be in Bristol, but they can only accept tax bills that are current. Those who want to pay at a M & T Bank or branch need to bring their current tax coupon along with payment of Cash or Check. There is no fee for this service and is available during the January collection month."

The Tax Department only accepts payments by check or cash in person at 111 North Main Street, City Hall. We do not accept credit cards at the counter. The Tax Office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday thru Thursday and 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Fridays.

Taxpayers who would like to pay by credit card can do so online. There is a convenience fee that will be charged 2.95% of the bill by the Invoice Cloud service provider. If you choose to use EFT/ACH (using your checking account and routing number) there is a flat fee of $1.50 no matter the size of the transaction. "For people using major credit cards, this is a great way to earn points," said Jennifer Cole, Deputy Tax Collector.

Payments must be received or USPS postmarked on or before February 2, 2026 or they will be considered delinquent. Delinquent payments are subject to interest at a rate of 1.5% per month starting

from the due date of January 1, 2026. The minimum calculated interest charge is $2.00 per CT State Statute Sec. 12-146.

It is important to note that failure to receive a bill for any reason will not invalidate the tax and/or the interest penalty per CT State Statute Sec. 12-130 or avoid the real estate lien the City is required to file on the land records against all delinquent properties. Also of note, UCC Liens will be filed with the Secretary of State on all unpaid Personal Property taxes like business equipment. All delinquent Motor Vehicle taxes will be reported to DMV; this will hold you up from registering a new vehicle and renewing a registration.

When taxes are not paid in full for each installment by the last day to pay, by state law, it becomes the duty of the Collector to proceed with collection enforcement measures, as prescribed by state statute.

To avoid waiting in line, please mail payments to the Tax Collector's Office, P.O. Box 1040, Bristol, CT 06011-1040. The ENTIRE bill and a self-addressed stamped envelope MUST accompany the payment if a receipt is desired.

For essential information regarding municipal taxes, to keep up with important deadlines or to make a payment, please visit the Tax Office Page at www.bristolct.gov.

Please contact the Assessor's Office at (860) 584-6240 if you have received a bill for a vehicle that you no longer have and for questions regarding assessments and exemptions.

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