



THE VILLAGE OF WESTON'S 2015 ASSESSED PROPERTY TAX RATE MAINTAINS THE LOWEST ASSESSED TAX RATE IN THE METRO AREA FOR ALL OTHER "FULL-SERVICE" INCORPORATED MUNICIPALITIES

A comparison of the local metro area assessed property tax rates for the period of 2002-2015 is shown below, for only those communities which are "full-service" incorporated municipalities. The communities have all been listed in the table shown below, ranked by the 2015 assessed tax rate (from highest to lowest). The Village of Weston's 2015 assessed tax rate remains the lowest property tax rate in the Wausau metro area of all other "full-service" communities.

In addition, the Village of Weston has fiscally managed to maintain the lowest assessed tax rate in the Wausau metro area of "full-service" incorporated municipalities for the past 14 years, as referenced in the chart shown below. The Village Board of Trustees had set a policy over 13 years ago for the local assessed tax rate of the Village of Weston to be managed at a rate below \$6.00 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Only when the 2006 Village referendum was approved by the voters for the addition of the third EMS crew for the Fire Department did the Weston tax rate surpass the \$6.00 benchmark.

COMPARISON OF ASSESSED LOCAL TAX RATES - for the Last 14 Years for the Wausau Metro Area Communities

NAME OF MUNICIPALITY	2015 Population	ASSESSED TAX RATES - Local Share only													
		2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Merrill, City of	9,573	\$ 10.49	\$ 10.49	\$ 11.14	\$ 11.45	\$ 11.63	\$ 11.78	\$ 11.78	\$ 12.12	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.46	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.51	\$ 12.85	\$ 12.82
Wausau, City of	39,063	\$ 10.37	\$ 10.37	\$ 8.57	\$ 8.72	\$ 8.85	\$ 8.18	\$ 8.23	\$ 8.41	\$ 8.49	\$ 8.49	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.61	\$ 8.77	\$ 9.43
Marshfield, City of	19,186	\$ 11.13	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.73	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.91	\$ 9.87	\$ 9.87	\$ 9.86	\$ 8.96	\$ 8.96	\$ 8.95	\$ 8.98	\$ 9.02	\$ 9.07
Mosinee, City of	4,021	\$ 7.98	\$ 7.98	\$ 6.11	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.29	\$ 6.35	\$ 6.36	\$ 6.42	\$ 6.42	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.21	\$ 6.52	\$ 6.77	\$ 7.45
Rothschild, Village of	5,302	\$ 6.30	\$ 6.43	\$ 6.44	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.62	\$ 6.92	\$ 7.05	\$ 7.24	\$ 5.99	\$ 6.22	\$ 6.34	\$ 6.61	\$ 6.87	\$ 7.22
Schofield, City of	2,212	\$ 6.52	\$ 6.62	\$ 6.86	\$ 7.03	\$ 7.10	\$ 7.22	\$ 7.39	\$ 7.68	\$ 7.62	\$ 7.74	\$ 7.35	\$ 7.40	\$ 7.58	\$ 7.19
Weston, Village of	15,276	\$ 5.21	\$ 5.21	\$ 5.45	\$ 5.70	\$ 6.07	\$ 4.91	\$ 5.08	\$ 5.08	\$ 5.08	\$ 5.10	\$ 5.16	\$ 5.31	\$ 5.57	\$ 5.76

2016 PET LICENSING INFORMATION

PetData will be sending the 2016 pet license renewal notices directly to your mailbox. Pet owners will have several options for renewing the licenses, including by mail or online. New pet owners or pet owners that did not receive a notice may also use the online licensing system. This year, cat and dog licenses for Weston will be GOLDEN in color. The 2016 pet license fees schedule is shown to the right in this chart. A discounted fee is available, if the pet is microchipped. Purchasing a license and attaching it to your pet's collar is one of the most important things that you can do as a responsible pet owner. Displaying the current license tag on your pet's collar makes it easy for Animal Control officers and shelter employees to quickly locate the lost pet's owner information. It just might be the fastest way to get your lost pet back home to the family! For more information, **you can visit their website at www.petdata.com or call toll-free at 1-866-220-5551.**

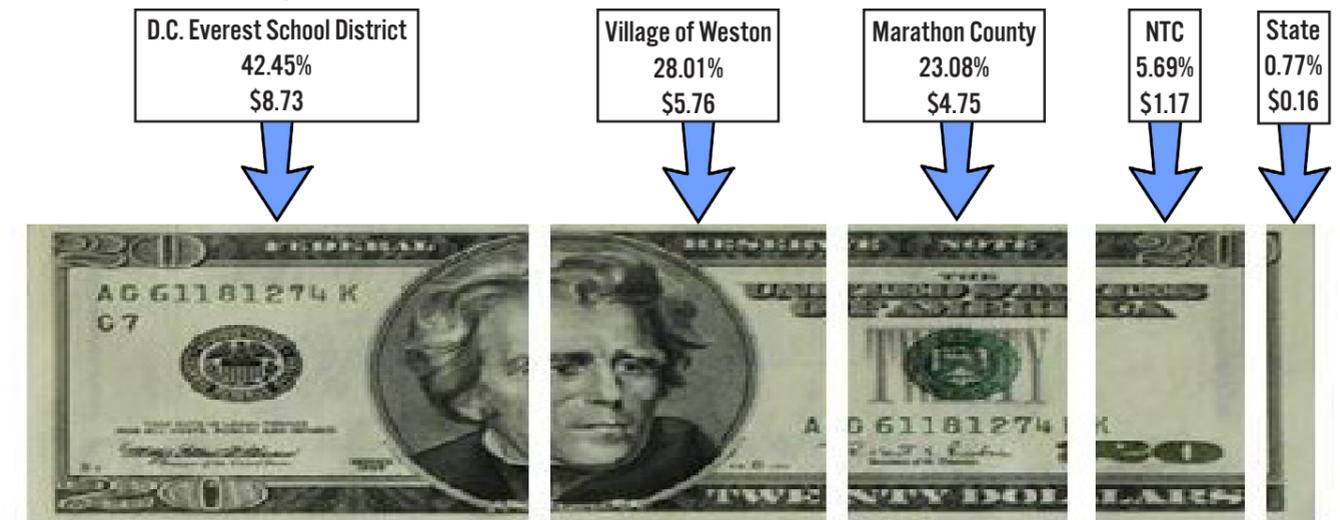
PET LICENSE FEES for 2016:

License Fees before March 31st	Regular	Microchipped
Unaltered Pet	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
Spayed/Neutered Pet	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00
Juvenile Pet Under 1 Year Old	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
License Fees after March 31st	Regular	Microchipped
Unaltered Pet + Late Fee	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Spayed/Neutered Pet + Late Fee	\$ 45.00	\$ 30.00
Juvenile Pet Under 1 Year Old	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00

VILLAGE OF WESTON - ASSESSED TAX RATES (FINAL)

	ASSESSED TAX RATES			
	2014	2015	Tax Rate Change	% Change
"Net" D.C. Everest Schools	\$ 8.79	\$ 8.73	\$ (0.06)	-0.69%
Village of Weston	5.57	5.76	0.19	3.44%
Marathon County	4.71	4.75	0.04	0.85%
Northcentral Tech. College	1.11	1.17	0.06	5.03%
State of Wisconsin	0.16	0.16	0.00	1.44%
TOTALS	\$ 20.34	\$ 20.57	\$ 0.23	1.13%

Where does each \$20 bill go?



DECEMBER 2015 TAX BILL: The combined assessed tax rate will **increase by \$0.23** for the December 2015 tax bill. The \$20.57 tax rate is a 1.13% increase from last year's rate of \$20.34. The D.C. Everest (DCE) School District "net" tax rate will decrease by 6-cents, which is a 0.69% decrease from last year, and represents 42.45% of your tax bill this year. The Village of Weston tax rate will increase to \$5.76, which is an increase of 19-cents this year (or a 3.44% increase). In addition, Marathon County, NTC, and the State of Wisconsin will each be increasing their own tax rates this year. The Village of Weston residents pay about 28% of the total tax bill for **Village** services, while the remaining 72% goes to the other taxing entities.

LOTTERY CREDIT REMINDER: If you were occupying your primary residence as of January 1, 2015, you are entitled to a **Lottery Credit of \$115.16** on your December 2015 tax bill. Please look for it when your tax bill arrives. If it has been omitted, please bring your tax bill with payment to the Weston Municipal Center for adjustment. The financial institutions will NOT be able to make the adjustment for you. If you moved into your residence during 2015, you are not entitled to a Lottery Credit until your December 2016 tax bill.

FIRST DOLLAR CREDIT REMINDER: This **tax credit of \$71.29** will appear on the December 2015 tax bill. This tax credit will appear on a line immediately above the Lottery Credit line, and it will reduce the overall tax bill. All taxable parcels are eligible for this credit provided that the parcel contains a real property improvement (a house or a building) on residential, business, commercial, or private properties. You do not have to apply for this credit on your tax bill. This credit will appear automatically to all qualifying properties. Only the WHITE real estate tax bills will qualify for this credit. Therefore, this credit will not appear on the GREEN personal property tax bills, which are not eligible for this tax credit.

COLLECTION PAYMENT NOTICE

**ALL TAX PAYMENTS ARE TO BE MADE
PAYABLE TO AND MAILED TO THE:**

VILLAGE OF WESTON
PO BOX 438
WESTON, WI 54476-0438



GENERAL PAYMENT INFORMATION

The Village of Weston will be collecting 2015 property taxes at the Weston Municipal Center in Weston beginning on December 14, 2015. The first and second installment due dates for the 2015 tax bills are the following:

1st Installment Due Date: Monday, February 1, 2016 (because January 31st falls on a weekend)

2nd Installment Due Date: Monday, August 1, 2016 (because July 31st falls on a weekend)

All payments made by February 1st will be accepted at the Weston Municipal Center. Payments for property taxes made after February 1st will be required to be made at the Marathon County Courthouse. The first installment of real estate taxes must be paid in full by February 1st. In addition, all personal property taxes are due in full by February 1st. If payment is not made by that date, the taxes will be considered delinquent.

Taxes paid by mail must be POSTMARKED no later than February 1, 2016. Please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (preferably the standard size envelopes which are about 4" x 9" in size) to assist the Village in timely processing a receipt, which will be mailed back to you. All payments will be issued a receipt. Receipts will be mailed back to the taxpayers if payment is not made in-person at the Weston Municipal Center.

Payments **received or postmarked** on or before Thursday, December 31, 2015 will be receipted **in 2015**, if the taxpayer is seeking an income tax deduction for calendar year-end 2015.

PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE

- Mail payment information to **ABOVE ADDRESS**.
- Drop off payment in the night deposit box outside the Village Hall (5500 Schofield Avenue).
- Drop off payment in person at the Village Hall during collection hours shown on next page.
- Drop off payment at one of the 10 local Financial Institutions shown on next page.
- Pay by credit card by calling phone number on next page.
- Pay by credit/debit card by making payment online.



QUESTIONS



If you have any questions about your tax bill, payment locations, payment methods, lottery credit, or dog/cat licenses, please feel free to call the Weston Municipal Center at the phone number of **715-359-6114**, or you could contact the Village Finance Director, John Jacobs, at **715-241-2605** or e-mailed to jjacobs@westonwi.gov.

The hours of collection are listed on page 3 of this Collection Payment Notice.



VILLAGE HALL TAX COLLECTION HOURS (Mondays - Fridays; and 2 Saturdays)

DECEMBER 2015	
December 14 - 18	8:00am - 4:30pm
December 19 (Saturday)	7:30am - Noon
December 21 - 23	8:00am - 4:30pm
December 24 & 25	CLOSED
December 28 (Monday)	8:00am - 8:00pm
December 29 - 31	8:00am - 4:30pm

JANUARY - FEBRUARY 2016	
January 1	CLOSED
January 4 - 8	8:00am - 4:30pm
January 11 - 15	8:00am - 4:30pm
January 18 (Monday)	CLOSED
January 19 - 22	8:00am - 4:30pm
January 25 - 29	8:00am - 4:30pm
January 30 (Saturday)	7:30am - Noon
February 1 (Monday)	8:00am - 4:30pm

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION locations accepting Property Tax Payments for the Village of Weston (only those branches located in Weston and listed below):

- Abby Bank (2405 Schofield Avenue)
- Associated Bank (5211 Alderson Street)
- BMO Harris Bank (2806 Schofield Avenue)
- Brokaw Credit Union (2006 Schofield Avenue)
- Cloverbelt Credit Union (5906 Business HWY 51)
- Covantage Credit Union (3807 Schofield Avenue)
- Intercity State Bank (2900 Schofield Avenue)
- Peoples State Bank (7205 Stone Ridge Drive)
- River Valley State Bank (4107 Barbican Avenue)
- US Bank (5802 Camp Phillips Road)

Please take the **BOTTOM PERFORATED STUB** of your tax bill to the institutions when making a payment. They will **KEEP** the stub for processing. The Village will mail you a receipt within 5 days. These institutions will accept cash or checks for the amount of the first installment or the full payment amount of the tax bill owed. **Escrow checks OVER** the tax bill amount will **NOT** be processed at these institutions. Instead, they should be processed at the Weston Municipal Center. The Village will issue **REFUND CHECKS** within 5 days of collection, as needed, for any overpayments that are received by mail.

CREDIT/DEBIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR PROPERTY TAX AND UTILITY PAYMENTS FOR WESTON TAXPAYERS & UTILITY CUSTOMERS



Since December 2001, the Village has allowed the payment of property taxes and utility bills to be made by credit card and recently by debit card. Payments can be made by calling a phone number or by accessing a website address on the internet. Please note that the Village staff will **not** be accepting payments by credit/debit card at the front office in the Weston Municipal Center.



This customer service payment option is available at **NO** additional cost to the Village.



Instead, the customer will be charged a convenience fee in addition to the property tax payment or utility payment. The contracted third-party vendor will keep the entire convenience fee. None of the additional convenience fee is retained by the Village. This additional service may provide some Weston taxpayers/customers an alternative payment method in order to prevent from being charged a late penalty or interest fee, when making their first installment payment. The credit/debit cards that will be accepted are: American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa.



WEBSITE ADDRESS is: www.officialpayments.com
TELEPHONE NUMBER is: **1-800-2PAY-TAX**

You will need your tax bill or utility bill information available at the time of making a payment. Contact the Village at (715) 241-2605 or jjacobs@westonwi.gov for the step-by-step instruction sheet to help you make a credit card payment using this option.