TOWN OF COVENTRY, RHODE ISLAND

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ – INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION

1. If you have SOLD THE PROPERTY described on this notice, please send this notice to the new owners or return it to the tax collector’s office immediately.

2. Please VERIFY THE DESCRIPTION of the property. If any errors in the description are found, notify the assessor’s office as soon as possible. This notice covers taxes for the calendar year, January 1 through December 31, of the year indicated on the front.

3. THE SENDING OF THIS BILL IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW. The validity of the tax and any subsequent charges for interest, cost or expenses are in no way dependent upon its receipt.

TAX PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

**1ST QTR- OCT 1** IS A SUNDAY, IF PAYING IN TOWN HALL MUST BE PAID BY SEPT 29. If using DROP BOX, make sure it is in there before 4:30 pm SEPT 29 or it is LATE.**

TAXES DUE:

- Coventry taxes are due and payable in full, August 15 to October 1st. Taxes may be paid quarterly without penalty as follows:
  - 1st Quarter due on or before August 15 (Grace period to October 1st)
  - 2nd Quarter due on or before November 15th
  - 3rd Quarter due on or before February 15th
  - 4th Quarter due on or before May 15th

PENALTY:

- Payments must be received in the Tax Collector’s Office on or before the due date. Late payments, even those ONE-day late, shall bear interest at a rate of 1.5% per month on the entire unpaid balance, not quarterly amount, reverting back to September 30. Payments made through the U.S. Postal Service must bear postmark date no later than the last date of each respective installment period. **Once a quarterly payment is late, the bill may be called due in full.**

- If you are unable to make full quarterly payments, we encourage partial payments to lower any interest fees and also deplete the chances of your bill being called due in full.

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS:

- TAXPAYERS WHO ESCROW MUST FORWARD THIS BILL TO THEIR MORTGAGE COMPANY. THIS IS THE ONLY BILL BEING MAILED.

- Make checks payable to: COVENTRY TAX COLLECTOR

- Please note that the charge company adds a convenience fee for this service. You will be charged a 0.00 SERVICE CHARGE if using ADVANCE CHECKS. A 0.65 SERVICE CHARGE will be applied if using ADVANCE CHECKS. WE WILL NOT ACCEPT CHARGED ADVANCE CHECKS, WE WILL NOT ACCEPT THEM FOR TAX PAYMENTS.

- Make payment by mail: 1670 Flat River Rd.; Coventry, RI 02816. Detach the appropriate numbered stub on the bottom and enclose with check.

- At banks: COVENTRY CREDIT UNION 1076 Main St, Coventry CENTREVILLE SAVINGS BANK 744 Main St, Warwick 1584 Nooseneck Hill Rd, Cov.

- Must present this entire bill when making a full or quarterly payment. Note: For 2nd, 3rd, & 4th QTR. PAYMENTS, BANK WILL ONLY ACCEPT THEM IF THE PREVIOUS QTR IS STAMPED PAID.

- **Please note that not all banks, listed above, will accept tax payments made after the due date listed on the stubs. Check with your bank for their policy.**

- **We also have a drop box at the entrance of the town hall. No cash payments please. Any payments placed in the drop box after working hours will be considered paid on the next business day.**

- You can also pay in person at the Collector’s Office; Using the internet: With VISA or MC @ www.riegove.com

- **Note** The charge company adds a convenience fee for this service. You will be informed of the total fee prior to acceptance of transaction.

- Input the acct# and pin# from the front of this bill and follow the directions

CASH, MONEY ORDERS OR CERTIFIED CHECKS are required for payment on the following accounts:

PROPERTY LISTED FOR TAX SALE, REGISTRATION RELEASES, AND CHECKS RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS.

ANY CHECK RETURNED FOR INSUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL RECEIVE A $26.00 SERVICE CHARGE

CONTACT INFORMATION:

- Questions regarding property assessments, exemptions, owner’s name and address should be directed to the TAX ASSESSOR’S OFFICE. The telephone number is (401) 822-9162.

- Questions regarding the mailing or collection of the tax bill should be directed to the TAX COLLECTOR’S OFFICE. The telephone number is (401) 822-9167.

STATE LAW/MUNICIPAL EXEMPTIONS AVAILABLE

- **QUALIFIED VETERAN SERVICE DATES** $ 1,000
- **PRISONERS OF WAR** $ 15,000
- **TOTAL SERVICE-CONNECTED** $ 1,000
- **DISABLED VETERAN WHO LIVES IN “SPECIFICALLY ADOPTED HOUSING”** $ 10,000
- **TOWN OF COVENTRY EXEMPTIONS ARE ONLY FOR RESIDENTS OWNING REAL ESTATE:**
  - 100% Disabled or Elderly – 65 yrs old with 5 year residency requirement – $8,000 exemption/Tax Freeze/Income Based Exemption
  - Veteran Exemption $ 8,000
  - R.I. State Rebate Program (RIGL 44-33).
  - V.A. P.O. Exemption (RIGL 44-3-3 (16)).

  Further details and all applications are available at the Assessor’s Office

  Active Member of US Armed Forces $1,000

REAL ESTATE: Deadline November 15th APPEAL PERIOD OVER

- **APPEALS OF VALUE OR CHANGES TO THE TAX ROLL MUST BE FILED AT THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE WITHIN 90 DAYS FROM THE 1ST QTR PAYMENT DUE DATE (AUG 15). NO APPEALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE NOV 15TH DATE.**

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- **APPEALS OF VALUE SET BY THE STATE OR TOWN MUST BE FILED AT THE ASSESSOR’S OFFICE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE MAILING OF THE BILL. NO APPEALS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 30 DAYS (AUG 15).**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FILING OF AN APPEAL DOES NOT EXCUSE NON-PAYMENT OF TAXES. Payments should still be made based on the bill received. Once the appeal is heard, any necessary adjustments will be made to the account.**