

Office of the City Assessor, City Hall, 169 Main Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895
Telephone: (401) 767-9271 or 767-9272 - Office Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

Ownership, property location, valuation and exemption records are compiled and maintained by the Assessor's office. All address changes for motor vehicle taxes must be done with the Registry of Motor Vehicles *and* the Assessor's office. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to maintain current addresses with both the registry and the Assessor's office. Address changes must be received by the Assessor's office prior to June 1st to insure accurate billing for the July tax bills. All corrections and changes in the information shown on this notice should be reported promptly to the Assessor's Office. Contact information is given at the top of this page.

EXEMPTION INFORMATION

THE DEADLINE TO FILE ANY EXEMPTION REQUEST IS JANUARY 31 PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL BILLING DATE.

Veteran: **RI General Law 44-3-4**
Served in any of the following recognized conflicts:
World War I April 6, 1917 to Nov. 11, 1918
World War II Dec. 7, 1941 to Dec. 31, 1946
Korean Campaign June 27, 1950 to Jan. 31, 1955
Vietnam Feb. 28, 1961 to May 7, 1975
For the following conflicts, you must have served on their soil:
Grenada Oct. 23, 1983 to Nov. 21, 1983
Lebanon Aug. 20, 1983 to Dec. 31, 1985
Desert storm, Haitian Conflict, Somalian Conflict, Bosnian Conflict Aug. 2, 1990 to May 1, 1994
For other qualifying conflicts and service dates, please refer to **RI General Law 44-3-4.2**

Veteran: Unmarried widow of qualified Veteran - **RI General Law 44-3-4**
Veteran: 100% Service Connected Disabled Veteran - **RI General Law 44-3-4**
Gold Star Parents: **RI General Law 44-3-5**
Blind: **RI General Law 44-3-12**
Elderly: **Woonsocket City Code Chapter 2 Article I Section 2.11**
Infirmary or Poverty: **RI General Law 44-3-3(16)**
Interstate Commerce **RI General Law 44-34-4.1**
Farm, Forest and Open Space as prescribed in **PL 1968 Chapter 288**
Property Tax Relief **RI General Law 44-33-5 - For application call 401-222-1111. For information call the RI Division of Taxation at 401-222-1040**

MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE TAX

RI General Law 44-34-2 (a) Except as provided in this section, the tax assessors of each city and town shall assess and levy in each calendar year on every vehicle and trailer registered under chapter 3 of title 31, for the privilege of the registration, an excise measured by its value, as subsequently defined and determined. For the purpose of this excise, the uniform value of each vehicle shall be determined in accordance with the regulations of the vehicle value commission.

(b) Vehicle and trailer excises shall be prorated over the calendar year prior to the year in which the excises are levied and billed.

RI General Law 44-34-8 Appeal procedure. - (a) Any taxpayer aggrieved by a valuation may appeal that valuation to the tax assessor within thirty (30) days of notice of valuation. When the valuation of the vehicle has been made by the assessor, the assessor shall render a decision within ten (10) days of the filing of the appeal. When the valuation of the vehicle has been made by the Rhode Island vehicle valuation commission, the assessor shall forward the appeal on the form provided by the commission to the Rhode Island vehicle valuation commission within ten (10) days. The commission shall transmit its decision to the tax assessor within twenty (20) days of the receipt of the appeal. Application form is available in the Assessor's office and online.

REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCEDURE

RI General Law 44-5-26 (a) Any person aggrieved on any ground whatsoever by any assessment of taxes against him or her in any city or town, or any tenant or group of tenants, of real estate paying rent there from, and under obligation to pay more than one-half of the taxes thereon, may within ninety (90) days from the date the first tax payment is due, file an appeal in the local office of tax assessment; provided, if the person to whom a tax on real estate is assessed chooses to file an appeal, the appeal filed by a tenant or group of tenants will be void. For the purposes of this section, the tenant(s) has the burden of proving financial responsibility to pay more than one-half (1/2) of the taxes.

(b) Appeals to the local office of tax assessment are to be on an application. In the event of an appeal to the local tax board of review, the local office of tax assessment, upon request by the taxpayer, shall forward the application to the local tax board of review. Application form is available in the Assessor's office and online.

CITY ORDINANCE - CHAPTER 5496: ALL ABSENTEE LANDLORDS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE. FAILURE TO REGISTER WILL CARRY A MINIMUM FINE OF \$100.00 & REQUIRE APPEARANCE IN MUNICIPAL COURT.