

To: Town of Norwich, Taxpayers
From: Norwich Finance Office

July, 2009

RE: Payment of Taxes by ACH, Credit Card, or e-check

In response to citizen requests, The Town of Norwich is now offering to its taxpayers the option of paying taxes using additional methods.

The first option is through the use of ACH transactions. On the reverse is a form which gives us permission to withdraw the money from your account. The transaction would take place 3 days before each of the two tax installment due dates of each year. This agreement would remain in place until cancelled by you.

If you want to use this payment method please fill out the enclosed form and return it to us by August 10, 2009.

Another new option for taxpayers this year is the ability to pay taxes either on line or by telephone 1-800-2PayTax (1-800-272-9829). You may use your credit card or have an e-check created. By computer go to, www.officialpayments.com and at the home page double click on the Local Payments box. The next page will have the look up, which can be by state and then by town or you can enter Jurisdiction Code 5517. The credit card fee for tax payments is 3% and there is a \$ 3.00 fee for e-checks.

Town of Norwich

Homestead Education Tax Rate Calculation

Fiscal Year 2010

The Homestead Education Tax Rate is based in part on the education spending per equalized pupil of all the pupils residing in your town. Many town districts are also members of union school districts. Each town and union school district will have a tax rate based on its spending per pupil. For town with multiple school districts, the tax rate is a combination of those rates as shown below.

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| Base homestead tax rate | \$ 0.86 |
| Base spending amount | \$ 8,544 |
| Excess spending threshold | \$13,984 |
| Average statewide education spending per equalized pupil | \$12,041 |
| Common level of appraisal for Norwich | 97.07% |

Equalized homestead tax rate for Norwich from town school district

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| 1. Education spending per equalized pupil | \$ 14,329.77 | |
| 2. Net offsets for excess spending calculation | 1,257.90 | |
| 3. Amount over excess spending threshold if any | | 0 |
| 4. Education spending per equalized pupil plus any excess for tax rate | | \$ 14,329.77 |
| 5. District spending as a percent of base spending amount | 167.72% | |
| 6. District equalized tax rate equals line 5 times base rate | | \$ 1.4424 |
| 7. Percent of equalized pupils at town school district | 100% | |
| 8. Equalized tax rate from school district | | \$1.4424 |
| 9. Actual Homestead tax rate attributable to district | (\$1.4424/CLA:97.07%) | \$1.4859 |

**AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR
DIRECT PAYMENTS (ACH DEBITS)**

I (we) hereby authorize Town of Norwich, hereinafter called COMPANY, to debit entries to my (our) account indicated below and the financial institution named below, hereinafter called FINANCIAL INSTITUTION, to debit the same to such account.

(Financial Institution Name) (Branch)

(Address) (City/State) (Zip)

(Routing Number) (Account Number) Type of Acct: ___Checking___ Savings

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and manner as to afford COMPANY and FINANCIAL INSTITUTION a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

(Print Individual Name)

Signature

Date

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM

Return form to:

Town of Norwich
Finance Office
PO Box 376
Norwich, VT 05055

or fax to: 802-649-0123

or e-mail: rrobinson@norwich.vt.us