

WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER!

Welcome to the first edition of "Richmond County Tax Matters!" The concept behind this newsletter is to offer the citizens of Augusta-Richmond County a resource for information on tax related topics as well as provide some additional reading and information about Augusta, Georgia, its government and interesting topics and statistics that spotlight the growth and development of our city. Our publication will be provided primarily in a digital format that will be available on the Tax Commissioner's website or through email distribution if you are registered to receive it.



You will find this edition provides information about your annual tax bill, property tax and motor vehicle related matters as well as a pictorial reference guide to the local leadership that serves you. We also suggest ways to effectively communicate with city government and provide the contact numbers for key departments. Future editions will include profiles on local leaders and city government departments, pictorial reference guides for other elected bodies, homestead exemption information, tax guidelines for new residents of Georgia, information for military residents and more!

Please take a moment to visit our website to register and ensure you get the digital edition that will be emailed each month, or for downloadable versions.

We hope you find the information provided to be useful and relevant. My team and I have enjoyed gathering the information provided and look forward to your feedback on items you may want to see in future editions.

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Property Taxes in Augusta, Georgia

by Chris Johnson

Property taxes in Augusta, Georgia (also known as Augusta-Richmond County or Richmond County) are collected on behalf of the levying authorities (Augusta Commission and Richmond County Board of Education) and are due annually on November 15th. When bills are mailed out, taxpayers have an opportunity to save 1% of the property tax portion of their bill by remitting a payment within the first 20 days. Also included on the property tax bill are assessments for solid waste and streetlights. Payments can be made online, by mail or in person at our office in the Municipal Building.

Applications for homestead exemptions can be downloaded from our website (arctax.com) and submitted by mail or in-person with the Tax Commissioner's Office year-round. However, applications must be post-marked or received by April 1 to receive the exemption for that year (if mailed, certified mail is recommended). These exemptions apply only to homestead property, which means the owners must own, occupy, and claim the property as their legal residence on January 1 to be eligible. A special edition of our newsletter with a more in-depth look at homestead exemptions will be coming later this fall. For information visit our website at arctax.com or call us at (706) 821-2391, or you can sign up for our newsletter by using the QR code in the box on the left.

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Motor Vehicle Registration and Titling

Motor Vehicles purchased on or after March 1, 2013 and titled in Georgia are exempt from sales and use tax and annual ad valorem tax, also known as the "birthday tax". These taxes have been replaced by a one-time tax called the title ad valorem tax (TAVT) that is imposed on the fair market value of the vehicle. TAVT is calculated by multiplying the fair market value by the current rate of 6.6%. A discounted rate is given for family transfers with submission of an MV-16 (Affidavit to Certify Immediate Family Relationship).

If you are purchasing or transferring ownership of a vehicle (either new or through casual sale), you should apply immediately for your title and obtain or transfer a Georgia license plate through the registration process at one of our local offices. Georgia law requires that you apply for or transfer title and registration for your vehicle within 30 days of moving to Georgia or moving from one county to another. You will need a current address on your Georgia driver's license or ID card.

2020 CENSUS HAPPENING NOW!

State and federal funding and legislative representation depend on a full and accurate census! Unfortunately, Augusta is currently lagging behind the nation in responses. That's why it's **critically important** for you to answer the 2020 census if you haven't already. It's quicker and easier than ever! Just scan the QR code with your phone's camera to get started.



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2020 SAMPLE PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT

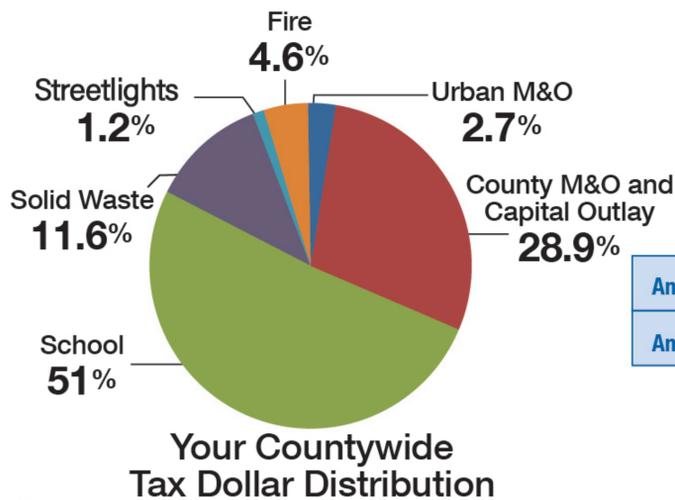
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Pay taxes online at www.arctax.com

PROPERTY OWNER(S)	1 MAP CODE	LOCATION			BILL #	2 DISTRICT		
Smith John	000-0-000-00-0	123 Main Street			000001	1		
	BUILDING VALUE	LAND VALUE	ACRES	FAIR MARKET VALUE	3 DUE DATE	BILLING DATE	4 DISCOUNT DATE	5 EXEMPTIONS
	75000	25000	2.5	100000	11/15/2020	7/16/2019	9/27/2020	S1

	FAIR MARKET VALUE	40% ASSESSED VALUE	LESS EXEMPTIONS	TAXABLE VALUE	MILLAGE RATE	GROSS TAX	LESS CREDITS	NET TAX
6 COUNTY CAPITAL OUTLAY	100000	40000	5000	35000	0.722	25.27	0	25.27
COUNTY MAINT & OPERATION 7	100000	40000	5000	35000	9.045	316.58	0	316.58
8 COUNTY SALES TAX CREDIT	100000	40000	5000	35000	-6.474	0	-226.59	0
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION 9	100000	40000	5000	35000	0	310.50	0	310.50
10 SCHOOL MAINT & OPERATION	100000	40000	5000	35000	18.419	644.47	0	644.47
URBAN MAINT & OPERATION 11	100000	40000	5000	35000	10.862	380.01	0	380.01
8 URBAN SALES TAX CREDIT	100000	40000	5000	35000	-6.017	0	-210.60	0
FIRE PROTECTION 12	100000	40000	5000	35000	1.967	68.85	0	68.85
13 URBAN STREET LIGHTS	100000	40000	5000	35000	0	0	0	0
TOTAL						1745.68	-437.19	1308.49



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	2020 Current	4 Discount Amount	Total 2020 Taxes	14 Delinquent Amount	Grand Total
Amount Due by/or on 9/27/2020	1308.49	-13.08	1295.41	0	1295.41
Amount Due after 9/27/2020 but before 11/15/2020			1308.49	0	1308.49

[Additional Information]

DETACH TOP PORTION TO KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT.

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BILL #	MAP CODE	AMOUNT PAID

Make Check Payable to:
Richmond County Tax Commissioner
 and include bill number on check.

Check here if making address change (see back).

LEGEND

1 Map Code

The property/parcel identification number assigned to a property for tax and valuation purposes by the Tax Assessor's Office. These numbers are actually a short legal description and are specific to the property to which it is assigned.

2 District

The section of the county in which you live for taxing purposes (District 1-Urban [Old City], District 2-Suburban [Old County], District 3-Hephzibah, and District 4-Blythe). Local ordinances dictate applicable fees and millage rates within the districts. **Voting districts do not mirror the taxing district you are in.**

3 Due Date

The last date that payment of tax bills can be made without the possibility of interest or penalty being applied.

4 Discount Date/Discount Amount

A discount is allowed to taxpayers who pay their tax bill in full within 20 days of the billing date. The discount amount will be reflected on your bill if a discount is allowed. The "Discount Amount" is subtracted from the "2020 Current" to come up with the "Total 2020 Taxes." Please note the "Discount Date" to determine which of the "Grand Totals" to pay.

The discount does not apply to all tax amounts. If you would like to calculate the discount, take total taxes due (before subtracting discount) and subtract streetlight charges, solid waste collection fees, business penalty, and State tax (if levied). This should give you the discount base. Multiply your discount base by .01 and you will have the discount amount.

5 Exemptions

Relief from a certain amount or proportion of tax liability granted to a property owner upon approval of an application. Exemption amount is reflected in the "less exemptions" column of the bill.

6 County Capital Outlay

Portion of the county mill rate used to pay for capital expenditures (vehicles, computers, machinery, equipment, etc.)

7 County Maintenance and Operation

Portion of the county mill rate used to pay for the operations of the County's General Fund. Administration, Finance, Judicial, Public Works, Recreation, Cultural, Public Safety, and Law Enforcement functions are funded by these collections.

8 County/Urban Sales Tax Credit

In 1976, the taxpayers of Richmond County voted in favor of a 1% local option sales tax credit for General Fund Maintenance and Operations that would be used to offset property taxes.

9 Solid Waste Collection

Fee charged to parcels in Augusta-Richmond County that covers the cost of solid waste pickup services.

10 School Maintenance and Operation

A portion of the tax bill's mill rate dedicated to School System General Fund expenditures, operations, maintenance, and repairs of school buildings and for salaries, wages, and benefits for teachers and administrative staff, etc.

11 Urban Maintenance and Operation

Used for maintaining and operating streetlights, fire department, etc. in the urban district.

12 County Fire Protection

Used for the operation of the fire department in your district (if applicable).

13 Streetlight Charge

This is a fee charged to customers for streetlights maintained by Augusta-Richmond County.

14 Delinquent Amount

The amount of unpaid taxes and fees outstanding from previous years (if applicable) and were subject to interest and penalty.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

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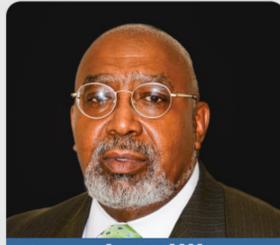
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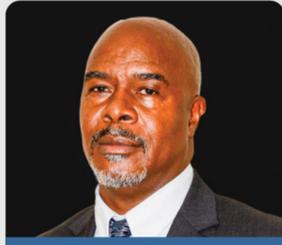
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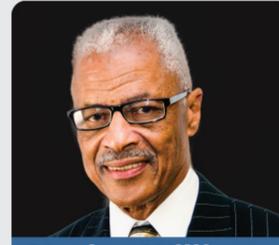
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WHEN YOU HAVE A NON-EMERGENCY ISSUE, DIAL 311!

Trash Collections? Code Violations? Paving Issues? Flooding? Overgrown lots? 311 Can help! 311 is a non-emergency customer service offered by Augusta's government that can be accessed within the city limits by dialing three digits (3-1-1) or by utilizing the 311 section of the MyAugusta mobile application, which is available on most mobile devices. This office provides residents, businesses and visitors with transparent access to information and services. Augusta 311 registers complaints and issues with trash collections, the right-of-way, county owned roads, public buildings, code violations and other services provided by our local government.



Direct calls can be made to the following departments for information about their services.

Human Resources	(706) 821-2303	Administrator's Office	(706) 821-2400
Planning and Development	(706) 312-5050	Augusta Regional Airport	(706) 798-3236
Marshal's Office	(706) 821-2368	Augusta Library	(706) 821-2600
Mayor's Office	(706) 821-1831	Augusta Public Transit	(706) 821-1719
Recreation & Parks Administration	(706) 796-5025	Board of Elections	(706) 821-2340
Richmond County Sheriff's Office Administration	(706) 821-1000	Clerk of Commission	(706) 821-1820
Richmond County Tax Commissioner's Office	(706) 821-2391	Clerk of Superior, State, and Juvenile Courts	(706) 821-2460
Tax Assessor/Property Appraisal	(706) 821-2310	Fire Department Administration	(706) 821-2909
Utilities	(706) 821-1851	Housing & Community Development	(706) 821-1797

