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Important: Please be aware that the finance department has moved to the new city hall located in the downtown Milton/ Crabapple area.

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Additional Contact Information
Fulton Tax Assessor: 404.612.6440
Fulton Tax Commissioner: 404.730.6100
Fulton Homestead Dept: 404.612.6440

Change of Address
In order to change the mailing address for your property tax bill, you must submit a written request to the Board of Assessors either by fax at 404.224.0417 or mail to:
Fulton County Board of Tax Assessors, Homestead and Return Division, 141 Pryor Street, Suite 1047B, Atlanta, GA 30303

City of Milton 2018
PROPERTY TAX GUIDE

Finance Department
2006 Heritage Walk
Milton, GA 30004
Phone: 678.242.2500
Fax: 678.242.2499
www.cityofmiltonga.us
Dear Taxpayer:

This brochure is designed to provide you with an overview of important tax information and address the most common questions and concerns regarding property tax.

The City of Milton’s Finance Department is responsible for the billing and collection of city property taxes. Your 2018 property tax bill provides you with a legal description of your property, taxable values, exemptions, and the calculation of your tax bill.

The annual millage rate is 4.390, all of which is designated to fund general government operations. The 2018 bill also includes the recently approved GreenSpace Bond millage rate of 0.671 for a total 2018 millage rate of 5.061.

General Information

Ad valorem taxes, more commonly known as property taxes, are levied for city operations and maintenance. When you call the police or fire department, play in a park, or eat at an inspected restaurant, you are using services paid for by your property taxes. Your taxes also pay for services to oversee development, protect water and air from pollution, repair and build roads, and much more. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue to fund these services that you count on every day.

All real estate and personal property is taxable unless exempted by law. Real property is land and generally anything that is affixed to the land. Personal property is everything not considered real property and usually consists of inventory and fixtures used in conducting business.

The basis for ad valorem taxation is the fair market value of the property. The tax is levied on the assessed value of the property which, by law, is established at 40% of the fair market value. The amount of tax is determined by the tax millage rate.

Property Tax Deadlines

Failure to receive a bill does not relieve you of the responsibility to make payment by the due date.

Property tax notices are issued on a calendar year basis and are typically due 60 days after the bill date. Taxes will be billed Sept. 14, 2018. The due date for 2018 taxes will be Nov. 14, 2018. If you are responsible for paying taxes on a property and have not received a tax bill by Sept. 27, contact the Finance Department at 678.242.2500 for the tax information, so that payment can be made before it becomes delinquent. If your mortgage company is responsible for your taxes, please send a copy of your bill to your mortgage company.

If mailed, payments must be received by the due date. Late payments are subject to a 5% penalty every 120 days after the original due date. The total penalty imposed for a given tax year shall not exceed 20% of the originally due. In addition, interest will accrue monthly at a rate of one twelfth (1/12) of the bank prime loan rate plus 3% (BPLR + 3%) ÷ 12. The BPLR is subject to change annually.

Methods of Payment

For your convenience, you may pay utilizing any of the following methods: Visa/MasterCard, American Express and Discover accepted. Payments made by credit card are subject to a 2.5% convenience fee.

Online: Visit www.cityofmiltonga.us for more information.

By phone: Call 678.242.2500

By mail: 2006 Heritage Walk, Milton, GA 30004. Please make check(s) payable to City of Milton. Mail both the tax stub and your check or money order.

In person: Finance Department; 2006 Heritage Walk, Milton, GA 30004. Hours: Mon-day-Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Homestead Exemptions

Several types of homestead exemptions have been enacted to reduce the burden of ad valorem taxation. To qualify, property owners must own and occupy their home as primary residence as of Jan. 1.

Property owners already receiving the Fulton County exemption need not reapply for the county’s exemption unless there is a change in ownership or the owner is applying for a different exemption. In order to be eligible for City of Milton Senior or Full Value Home-stand Exemptions or Disability Exemptions, property owners must file with the City of Milton between Jan. 1 and May 31 of each year.

Applications received after May 31 will become eligible the following year.

The following exemptions are offered:

• Basic Homestead Exemption of $15,000 off the assessed value of your tax bill. (Applied for through Fulton County)

• Senior Basic Exemption of $15,000 is available to residents age 65 or older on or before Jan. 1 of the year in which the application for exemption is submitted. (Applied for through City of Milton)

• Additional $10,000 Senior Homestead is available to homeowners who meet certain income requirements and are 65 or older on or before Jan. 1 of the year in which the application for exemption is submitted. (Applied for through City of Milton)

• Full Value Exemption is available to disabled residents and residents 70 or older on or before Jan. 1 of the year in which the application for exemption is submitted. Certain income qualifications apply for residents 70 or older. Proof of disability is required for disabled residents. (Applied for through City of Milton)

Homestead exemption applications for senior or disabled citizens must be filed with the Finance Department by May 31 at 2006 Heritage Walk, Milton, GA 30004.

For additional information on eligibility of proper method of applying, contact the City of Milton at 678.242.2500.

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