

# ***Town of Franklin***

## ***Ordinance on Fee Schedule for Payments on Motor Vehicle and Real Property Tax***

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Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-148(c) and 12-166, the Tax Collector shall, in addition to all interest, charges, fees, and penalties otherwise provided by law, add and collect the following charges to each tax account which shall be included within any lien securing such tax, and must be paid before such tax is deemed to have been satisfied:

- 1) \$2.00 for each motor vehicle delinquency reported to the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles;
- 2) \$1.00 for each delinquent motor vehicle tax payment collected in order to receive a printed Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles release;
- 3) \$0.50 per page of any electronic media for reproductions of tax bills, payment histories, or other records produced on request, unless paid at the time of production;
- 4) The actual cost of all fees and expenses incurred to identify, locate, and contact all owners, encumbrancers, and other persons as reasonably related to collection efforts;
- 5) \$20.00 insufficient funds check fee;  
and
- 6) All current motor vehicle taxes must be paid in order to receive a motor vehicle release. An example is taxes that are due on July 1<sup>st</sup> of current year must be paid in order get a motor vehicle release.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes 7-148(c) and 12-166, except as otherwise required by law, all payments made to or recovered for amounts owed to the town arising from tax delinquencies shall be applied to attorney's fees, collection expenses, recording fees, collector's fees, and other expenses and charges related to the collection before the interest accrued upon or principal of any tax. Chargeable fees include:

- 1) \$6.00 to town plus 15% to marshal for alias tax warrant;
- 2) \$24.00 for lien recording and release for real estate;  
and
- 3) \$0.50 per page for photocopy or printout of existing bills or records.

Reimbursable expenses include:

- 1) Actual cost (but if in litigation, judge can reduce as reasonable) of attorney's fees;
- 2) Actual cost or percentage of recovery of collection agency's fees;
- 3) Actual cost of credit card payment charge;

- 4) Actual cost of the disk or other actual costs for providing a disk or other medium of any electronic data on request;
- 5) Actual cost of skip tracing (online searches, et cetera);  
and
- 6) Actual cost of transcript of voicemail or meeting.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall for any reason be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, clauses, sentences or phrases of the ordinance, but they shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this ordinance shall stand, notwithstanding the validity of any part, and shall remain valid and enforceable to the fullest extent of the law.

*THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE THIRTY DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES.*

*PUBLICATION DATE: August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011*

*EFFECTIVE DATE: September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011*