

## **Town of Rumford Tax Club Participant Rules and Regulations**

The Tax Club Program allows residential property owners to pay their real estate property taxes over the course of the year through a payment book that will be issued by the tax collector's office once an application has been completed. The Tax Club will allow a property owner's tax bill to be evenly divided over an eight month period beginning October 15<sup>th</sup> with the final payment due on May 15<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal year. The application period is August 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Tax Club is approved by the legislative body annually at the Annual Business Meeting on the first Monday in June. Once approved, the Tax Collector is authorized to enter into a standard [agreement](#) with taxpayers establishing a "Tax Club" payment plan for property taxes, whereby:

- 1) Participation in the Tax Club is open to residential taxpayers only for property which is considered their dwelling or permanent place of residence;
- 2) The taxpayer agrees to pay specific monthly payments to the town based on his/her tax obligation for the current year's property taxes; in the event that the taxes for the current year have not been committed before September 30<sup>th</sup>, the first monthly payment will be based on the previous years taxes. The remaining monthly payments will be adjusted and divided evenly based on the balance of the taxes due after commitment;
- 3) The Town agrees *not* to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club [agreement](#);
- 4) The Town authorizes the Tax Collector to accept tax club payments for current year's taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
- 5) The agreement is *automatically terminated* if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due dates and interest dates and rates as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club; (Payments are considered late if they are not received by the 15<sup>th</sup>, or if paid by mail, not postmarked by the 15<sup>th</sup>.)
- 6) Only taxpayers who do not have any outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program;
- 7) Taxpayers with a tax escrow through their bank or mortgage company cannot participate;
- 8) Supplemental taxes do not qualify on the tax club payment plan. Abatements will not reduce the monthly tax club payment, an adjustment will be made for the final payment in May; and
- 9) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter into an agreement with the Town by September 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal tax year.

September 30<sup>th</sup> will be used to allow sufficient time to set the commitment by the Board of Assessors to determine the actual taxes owed by the property owner. The [agreement](#) is written to reflect the property owner's budget.

*Tax Club application deadline is September 30<sup>th</sup> of the fiscal tax year.*