

FINANCE/COLLECTIONS

The Tax Collection Department continues to offer property taxpayers the ability to have tax and sewer payments withdrawn from their checking or savings accounts. Payments are withdrawn on the bill due date. For taxpayers who prefer to budget their tax and sewer payments, the City will withdraw funds on the second Wednesday of every month.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., P. C., of Manchester, New Hampshire, conducted the annual fiscal year end audit again this year.

During fiscal year 2013, the Finance Department issued 4,280 semi-annual real estate tax bills totaling \$13,702,541.00. The Department also issued 3,197 sewer bills which totaled \$1,535,781.00. The number of motor vehicle registrations issued by the City decreased this year by 139 registrations to 9,698 registrations. The City collected \$1,081,630.00 which is \$42,239.00 more

than the amount collected last fiscal year. There was a total of 1,236 dump passes issued during fiscal year 2013.

The Finance Department also provides Human Resource Benefits for the City's 150 regular full and part time employees. The City is fortunate to employ a group of dedicated and conscientious employees. I want to thank each one of them for their commitment and hard work.

Assistant Comptroller: Jan Gagnon
Senior Collections Clerk: Elaine Tremblay
Collections Clerk: Kris Davis
Payroll/Benefits: Elaine Gamache
Accounts Payable Clerk: Natalie Croteau

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Chase
Finance Director/Tax Collector

NOTICE REGARDING INVOLUNTARILY MERGED LOTS IN THE CITY OF BERLIN, NH

To any property owner in the City of Berlin who feels their property has been merged as the result of an involuntary merger which mean lots being merged by municipal action for zoning, assessing, or taxation purposes without the consent of the owner.

If your lots or parcels were involuntarily merged prior to September 18, 2010 by the City of Berlin, the City shall at the request of the owner, restore your lots to their premerger status and all zoning and tax maps shall be updated to identify the premerger boundaries of said lots or parcels as recorded at the Coos County Registry of Deeds, provided that your request is submitted to the governing body prior to December 31, 2016. Also no owner in the chain of title can have voluntarily merged his or her lots. If any owner in the chain of title voluntarily merged his or her lots, then all subsequent owners shall be prevented from requesting restoration. The municipality shall have the burden of proof to show that any previous owner voluntarily merged his or her lots. All decisions of the governing body may be appealed in accordance with the provisions of NH RSA 676. The restoration of the lots to their premerger status shall not be deemed to cure any non-conformity with existing local land use ordinances.

If you have questions about the status of your property and whether it has been merged involuntarily please call Susan Warren, Assessing Supervisor at 752-5245 or Pamela Laflamme, City Planner at 752-8587. [RSA 674:39 aa Regulation of Subdivision of Land](#)