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Meriden Taxpayers,

This notice is to provide some background to Meriden's recent M/V (motor vehicle) tax bills. There is a small subset of these bills that may be confusing to taxpayers. These bills might have gone up from last year's bills, which is different from what normally occurs. This is because the Tax Assessor's office has determined that previous pricing of M/Vs might not have been using the correct valuation mechanisms. This has led to inconsistencies in those valuations. The Connecticut Office of Policy and Management mandates that Tax Assessors use NADA price guides for motor vehicles. The provided value found in the guides, is then taxed at 70% of the value, and then multiplied by the mill rate to obtain the tax.

What this looks like: If a vehicle is valued at \$10,000, it is then multiplied by .7 (70%) for a value of \$7,000, which is then multiplied by .04086 (the mill rate) to create a bill for \$286.

The Meriden Tax Assessor's office has now established consistent valuations using the guides and State required software. After this correction, future M/V tax bills for the subset of all M/V tax bills that were described above will most likely follow the usual pattern of reduced assessments.

As usual, taxpayers have the right to appeal their assessment. The date to appeal the M/V assessment is tentatively scheduled for 19 September 2020 at 10 am, location to be determined.

Please contact the Assessor's office at 203-630-4065 if you need further information regarding this hearing and/or regarding M/V valuations. The Tax Assessor's office is also now open to the public for walk-ins to answer any questions. Please remember to wear a mask and social distance while in City Hall.

The Meriden Tax Assessor's Office is committed to valuations that are fair and equitable according to Connecticut General Statutes.

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