ASSESSMENTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Automobile assessments, by law, are based on average retail values which are derived from the October issue of the NADA price guides. Vehicles are not appraised according to individual condition, mileage or specific features of a given vehicle, and the Assessor cannot change an assessment.

You may be entitled to an adjustment if the vehicle for which you are currently being taxed has been sold, totaled, stolen or removed and now registered in another state (and has not been replaced by another vehicle) during the time from October 1st through August 31st. The adjustment is not automatic. The taxpayer must provide proof to the Assessor’s Office, pursuant to Connecticut State Statute Section 12071c Subsection (b), that the vehicle was sold, totaled, stolen or removed and now registered in another state.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF FOR ADJUSTMENTS

Documentation must be official and specific, stating make, model, year, the vehicle identification number and the date of occurrence.

SOLD VEHICLE

- Proof that the person to whom you sold the vehicle is listed on the October 1st Supplement Motor Vehicle Grand List in a CT Town.
- A copy of the original registration to whom you sold the vehicle to.
- A copy of the cancelled title.
- A letter from the junk dealer.
- A dealer sales document which shows you traded in the vehicle.
- Return of plate receipt issued by the Motor Vehicle Department.
- A letter from the place the vehicle was DONATED
STOLEN VEHICLE

- A statement from your insurance agent or company which states you were compensated for the stolen vehicle.
- A larceny report from the Police Dept. which must state that the vehicle was stolen and never recovered.

VEHICLE TOTALLY DEMOLISHED

- A statement from the insurance company that you were compensated for the total loss of the vehicle.
- For a vehicle that is not insured for collision you must supply one of the following proofs:
  (a) Copy of the accident report stating the vehicle was totaled.
  (b) A letter from the junk dealer to whom this vehicle was sold.

VEHICLE REMOVED AND REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE

- A copy of the out of state registration showing when car was first registered there.
- A copy of the out of state Title information showing when car was first registered there.
- Return of plate receipt issued by the CT Motor Vehicle Department.

LIVED IN CONNECTICUT BUT NOT IN CHESHIRE ON OCTOBER 1

- A copy of your town’s field card showing you lived in that town as of OCTOBER 1.
- (A copy of your rent/lease agreement showing that you lived in your town as of OCTOBER 1.
VEHICLE REPOSESED

- A letter from the bank stating the date the repossession occurred.
- A letter from the Repossession company stating the date they repossessed the car.

NOTE: If bill was paid and adjustments are made based on submitted proof, a rebate of taxes paid will be made, upon written request.