



**GARDINER CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**



Meeting Date	06/16/2021	Department	Finance
Agenda Item	4.e) Consideration of FY22 Tax Due Dates, Setting the Interest Rate, & Authorizing the Tax Club Program		
Est. Cost	None		

Background Information

Council needs to approve the setting of tax due dates, the interest rate charged to delinquent accounts, and authorize the Tax Club Program.

The FY22 Tax Due Dates will be September 15, 2021 and March 15, 2022. The interest rate allowed by law to be collected is a maximum of 6% per annum and will accrue on outstanding balances as of September 16, 2021 and March 16, 2022.

Requested Action	'I move to approve the tax due dates of September 15, 2021 and March 15, 2022 with a 6% interest rate on delinquent accounts, and allow residents to participate in the Property Tax Club Payment Plan for FY22, and to also authorize the acceptance of prepayments for taxes not yet committed, with 0% interest accrued.'
City Manager and/or Finance Review	The City Manager recommends the above action.
Council Vote/ Action Taken	
Departmental Follow-Up	

City Clerk Use Only	1 st Reading _____	Advertised _____	EFFECTIVE DATE _____
	2 nd Reading _____	Advertised _____ w/in 15 Days	
	Final to Dept _____	Updated Book _____	Online _____

ORDER 2022-03

An Order Authorizing FY22 Tax Collection Dates, Interest Rates and Tax Club Program

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDINER, MAINE:

That **September 15, 2021** is the due date for collection of the first half of fiscal year 2022 property taxes with no penalty due, and **March 15, 2022** is the due date for collection of the second half of fiscal year 2021 property taxes with no penalty due.

That the interest will be set at 6% per annum and will accrue on outstanding balances as of September 16, 2021 and March 16, 2022.

That this order also authorizes the acceptance of payments using the Property Tax Club, and the acceptance of prepayments for taxes not yet committed, with 0% interest accrued.

Attest,

Anne Davis, Acting City Manager

City of Gardiner Tax Clubs 2021/2022

All previous accounts must be paid in full before a tax club is issued, which consists of Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Bills.

No Tax Club will be issued after September 1, 2021.

Monthly payments shall be figured by dividing the total bill by nine (9) equal payments. Payments shall commence September 5, 2021 and be completed on May 5, 2022. Payments will be due on the fifth day of the month. Post marks will be accepted. Interest will not accrue as long as your account is paid monthly and on time.

If you fail to make your monthly payment you will be removed from the Tax Club and interest will be charged as though you were not a Tax Club member. Once a tax club member's benefit is removed, it cannot be reinstated until the next fiscal year.

Tax Clubs may include both Real Estate and Personal Property. It is the taxpayer's responsibility, prior to the September 5th deadline, to specify which bills they wish to include. Please do not assume this office is aware of each member's preference.

Tax Clubs are set up for individual accounts. It is the taxpayer's responsibility to set up individual clubs, prior to September 5th. Payment coupons will be issued to designate which accounts to apply payment too. Properties in escrow are excluded from Tax Clubs.

Please feel free to contact the Tax Collectors Office at 582-2223 or email taxcollector@gardinermaine.com if you have any questions. Thank you.