

**TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ON THE PERMITTED METHODS OF PAYMENT OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF VOLUNTOWN THAT:**

The Ordinance entitled "Town of Voluntown Ordinance on Payment of Real & Personal Property Taxes," which was adopted by the Town Meeting on May 31, 2011 and became effective on June 18, 2011, is repealed and is replaced by the following:

1. Except as otherwise provided by this Ordinance, the Tax Collector may accept cash, money order(s), personal check(s), bank check(s), certified check(s), and/or payments through the municipal electronic payment service (including payments by credit card) in payment of real and personal property taxes. Pursuant to General Statutes §12-141a, the Tax Collector shall charge a taxpayer who pays by credit card a service fee in an amount not to exceed any charge by the credit card issuer or service provider, including any discount rate.

2. Payments of delinquent real or personal property taxes that the Tax Collector has referred for collection will not be accepted unless they are made in cash and/or by money order, bank check or certified check. In addition to the payment for the overdue taxes, interest and penalties, the taxpayer will be required to pay all fees, costs and charges provided for by law, including collection costs and attorney's fees.

3. Any payment made for real or personal property taxes that is dishonored by the taxpayers' depository financial institution and/or credit card issuer or service provider, or that is otherwise not actually received by the Tax Collector, shall be subject to the assessment of a handling charge by the Tax Collector, and to possible civil and criminal liability.

4. This ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the Town Meeting and fifteen (15) days after publication of notice of the approval in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Voluntown.