**TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE**
**TAXPAYER INFORMATION SHEET**

**TOWN HALL**: 6 Main Street, P.O. Box 242, Wachapreague, VA 23480; Tel. 757-787-7117, OPEN for business Monday-Wednesday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours vary throughout the year as needed. Any changes will be posted.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**: The 2nd Thursday of each Month. Reasonable notice will be given for other Planning Meetings, Public Hearings, RAFT, Special Meetings, etc. and posted at the Post Office, Town Hall display box on front of the building.

**GARBAGE/BRUSH PICK-UP**: Garbage is taken every Wednesday; Brush & Debris is picked up on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The weight limit is 50 lbs. per container and brush/debris should be cut to 4' or shorter lengths. Only one pick-up truck load should be put out at curb side at any one time.

**TOWN/DECALS** An annual Town Decal must be purchased by **April 15th** of each year for the following: Motor Vehicles $27, Motorcycles $25, Golf Carts $10, Utility Trailers $8. Decals go on sale **March 15th** and **ALL** full time In-Town Residents must purchase decals from the Town. Penalties assessed for late payment of decals.

**BUSINESS LICENSE** – Each business must obtain an annual license **@ $**30 by March 1st.

**TAXES**: **Transient Occupancy Tax** – Those establishments providing daily/weekly/monthly lodging must submit quarterly payments for **4%** of gross receipts.

**TOWN OWNED MARINA – PORT OF WACHAPREAGUE**: The use of the boat ramp is free for all Wachapreague residents with a current Town Vehicle Decal. Annual Season Passes for ramp use are available at Town Hall or the Town Marina. Season passes are $20.00 for a Non-Resident Town Property Owner. All Nonresidents that do not own property in Town, Season Passes are $40.00. Daily Ramp Fees for anyone without a Town Decal or Season Pass is $5.00. Slips are also available for rent. Call the Harbor Master, Sandie Puchalski (757) 787-1930 to discuss availability, services, and rates

**ORDINANCES – ESPECIALLY RELEVANT ONES**:

**Real and Personal Property Estate Tax ordinance** – The Ordinance established **December 5th** as the **due date** of annual Real and Personal Property Taxes and provides for a penalty for delinquent payment of taxes, the imposition of interest on delinquent taxes, attorney's fees, collection agency's fees, and administrative cost fees upon the collection of delinquent town taxes. The penalty for delinquent taxes is equal to the greater of $10 or 10% of the delinquent tax commencing on the first day after the due date and 10% interest per annum with daily accruals on any portion of the unpaid amounts of the tax and penalties.

**Maintenance of Lawn & Grounds** – Property owners shall cut the outside grass, weeds, and other foreign growth on their property. If the owner fails to comply, the Town will have such grass, weeds or other excessive vegetation cut by its agents or employees at the owner's expense. It is also appreciated if the owners would keep shrubs and ornamentals trimmed and over-growth controlled. NOTE: Sidewalks are to be clear of plant growth, grass cuttings and limbs in walk area. **Please do not blow lawn grass onto sidewalks or streets. It is illegal.**

**Construction Debris –** Arrangements must be made in advance with your contractor to control and remove any significant debris resulting from additions/renovations to your property**.**

**Zoning Ordinance** – The Town of Wachapreague requires Zoning Permits for any new structures, changes to existing structures including additions, attached, or detached, as well as accessory buildings and fences. Permits must be obtained before the work is begun. The Zoning Ordinances is available in Town Hall.

**Leash Law** – Accomack County requires that all dogs must be under their owner's control when outside the home. **Owners are required to pick up pet litter while walking their pets**.

**Golf Cart** – Under Ordinance dated April 9, 2013, the Town of Wachapreague requires an annual safety inspection be performed with documentation available before a Vehicle Registration Decal in the amount of $10 may be purchased. A copy of the Ordinance is available at Town Hall.

**911 Ordinance** – This ordinance is to establish and maintain a formal, legally based Town system of assigning addresses to buildings and properties to facilitate the identification of buildings and properties to protect the public health and safety by enabling a quicker response time by law enforcement, fire, ambulance, and other emergency services. A copy of the Ordinance is available at Town Hall which includes the specific address requirements.

**COUNCIL INFORMATION**
**For Town Council information refer to the Town Website wachapreague.org**

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