

**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 9 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 picked up 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.

FEES: Decals – An annual Town Sticker must be purchased by **April 15th** of each year for the following: Motor Vehicles \$27, Motorcycles \$25, Utility Trailer \$8, Golf Cart \$10: Tags/Stickers go on Sale **March 15** and ALL in-Town residents must purchase Tags/Stickers from the Town, **not** the County. Penalties assessed for late payment of tags/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 taxpayers with a current vehicle tag/decals. SLIPS are available for boats up to 44' LOA under annual lease; transient slips and monthly rentals are also available. 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 begins. The Zoning Ordinances are 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 – 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. Inspections may be arranged by contacting Town Hall at 757-787-7117 or town@wachapreague.org.

911 Ordinance – Residences and businesses are to display 3-inch exterior address numbers visible. 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

TOWN OF WACHAPREAGUE GOVERNMENT/COUNCIL INFORMATION

<p>Mayor Charles Elliott 517-438-0018 mayorofwachapreague@gmail.com</p>	<p>Vice Mayor Sandie Puchalski (757) 789-3058 gypsymaddress@msn.com Marina, Dredging, Powel Memorial Park And Mosquito Control</p>	<p>Council Craig Baker (570-854-1400) craiglbaker@gmail.com <u>Seaside Park</u></p>	<p>Council Robert Bilicki (709) 928-1838 bobbilicki1@gmail.com RAFT Coordinator and Floodplain Administrator CRS Coordinator FEMA</p>
<p>Council Aileen Joeckel (757)787-2347 aileenjoeckel@yahoo.com Beautification, Tourism</p>	<p>Council Glenn Schagelin (973) 670-2303 (757)787-2048 schag.2484@gmail.com Town Maintenance, Safety & Security</p>	<p>Council Robert Hipple (540-398-9874) Robert.e.hipple.jr@gmail.com Drainage & Streets</p>	<p>Town Clerk Susan Springer (757)787-7117 town@wachapreague.org Zoning Officer Donald Motto (301) 992-4961 zoning@wachapreague.org</p>