

## CHANGE OF BILLING ADDRESS

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If you have moved, or if your address is incorrect, submit your correct PERMANENT address change only, then detach and mail to:

Supervisor of Assessments and Taxation  
Dorchester County  
P.O. Box 488  
Cambridge, MD 21613

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property ID

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Property Owner

\_\_\_\_\_  
House Number and Street Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Supplemental Address (care of, etc.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State and ZIP Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Property Owner Signature

Do not use this form to change names shown on the tax bill. For information about changing names, call the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at 410-228-3380.

### Tax Year & Rates

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

Real Property is assessed at 100% of market value

State Tax Rate:

\$0.112 per \$100 of assessment

County Tax Rate:

\$0.896 per \$100 of assessment

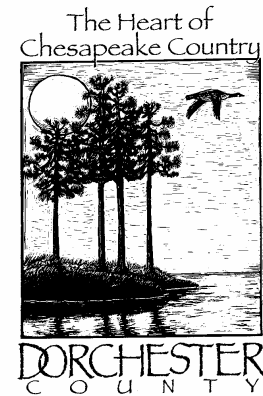
### Constant Yield Tax Rate

In the last taxable year (Fiscal Year 2005-2006), Dorchester County's real property tax rate was \$0.92 per \$100, and the certified assessment of the net assessable real property was \$1,982,915,207. The assessment multiplied by the tax rate produced real property tax revenues of \$18,242,820.

For this taxable year (Fiscal Year 2006-2007), the certified assessment of the net assessable real property is \$2,036,090,425. To produce the same real property tax revenues as last year, the real property tax rate would need to be \$0.896. This rate is called the constant yield tax rate.

For this taxable year (Fiscal Year 2006-2007), the County Council approved a real property tax rate of \$0.896, which is equal to the constant yield tax rate.

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## 2007 Dorchester County Taxpayer Information

### Improved Homeowner's Tax Credit Program

A property tax credit is available to residential homeowners, regardless of age, who qualify on the basis of a comparison of their tax bill to household income.

This year, the following changes were made which will make this credit available to more taxpayers and will increase the total amount of the credit for those who qualified in the past.

- 1) The calculation of the credit has changed so that eligible maximum household income to qualify has increased to \$60,000.
- 2) The maximum assessment to which the credit applies has increased from \$150,000 to \$300,000.
- 3) The cash value of any qualified retirement plan or individual retirement account no longer is considered in the Net Worth calculation for the purpose of eligibility for the credit.

The extended deadline for filing an application for the credit is October 31, 2006. For further information, call the State Department of Assessment and Taxation at 1-800-944-7403.

### State Bay Restoration Fee

The Maryland State Government enacted the State Bay Restoration Fund in 2004. For users of private septic systems the state's annual charge of \$30.00 is included in the Dorchester County Tax Bill. For additional information, visit the Maryland Department of the Environment website at [www.mde.state.md.us](http://www.mde.state.md.us).

### County Homestead Tax Credit

The County Homestead credit limits the annual increase in taxable assessment on owner-occupied residential properties to a fixed percentage. Beginning July 1, 2006, the County taxable assessment on owner-occupied residential properties is limited to 5%. The State Homestead credit remains at 10%. Any applicable credit has been used in the calculation of this bill.

### Shoreline Erosion Control Structure Credit

To address shoreline erosion and the health of our local waterways, the Council approved a real property tax credit equal to 30% of the total cost of a qualified erosion control structure. Structures must be installed on or after July 1, 2006. This credit is subject to an annual limitation, certain conditions, and an application process. To apply for this credit, please contact the Department of Finance, Treasury Division at 410-228-4343.

### Questions About the Tax Calculations

Questions about the tax calculations or payments should be directed to Dorchester County Department of Finance, Treasury Division at 410-228-4343.

## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### Property Tax Relief

The adopted budget includes a real property tax rate reduction of 2.4 cents, which brings Dorchester County's rate to 89.6 cents per \$100 of assessed value. The County Council also approved a reduction in the homestead property tax credit cap from 10% to 5%. This credit, applicable to principal residences only, limits the increase in taxable assessments each year to a fixed percentage. Taken together, these two initiatives equate to approximately 2 million in tax relief for county taxpayers.

### Debt Management

The Council has again utilized a conservative approach for issuing debt as part of its capital budgeting process. This year's capital budget, totaling \$16.2 million, includes only \$878,250 of interest-free debt, with the balance of funding coming from operating funds and federal and state sources (PAYGO). This increased reliance on PAYGO has been identified as a best practice in budgeting and will better position the County for meeting our future growth needs. Debt service consumes only 7% of our Fiscal Year 2007 general fund operating budget.

### Education

The Council has approved new funding for public schools totaling \$921,928. This new funding represents the largest dollar increase for any agency funded by the County government and is evidence of the Council's support for the initiatives of the Board of Education. The total approved funding for public schools is \$18.87 million which includes \$16.34 million for operations and \$2.53 million in capital needs.

## Adopted General Fund Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2006 - 2007

Description	Amount	Percent
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Property Taxes	\$21,893,457	42%
Income Taxes	\$10,700,000	21%
Federal, State, and Local	\$7,047,174	14%
All Other	\$5,036,918	10%
Other Taxes	\$4,438,000	9%
Service Charges	\$2,069,638	4%
Licenses and Permits	\$350,565	1%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$51,535,752</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>		
Education	\$17,335,042	34%
Public Safety	\$9,330,007	18%
Public Works	\$5,355,758	10%
Transfer to Capital and Other Budgets	\$5,164,966	10%
General Government	\$4,367,653	8%
Debt Service	\$3,812,895	7%
Employee Expenses	\$2,841,661	6%
Health	\$952,000	2%
Economic Development	\$547,543	1%
Recreation & Parks	\$499,072	1%
Miscellaneous	\$490,412	1%
Natural Resources	\$419,859	1%
Social Services	\$418,884	1%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$51,535,752</b>	<b>100%</b>

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