

Fremont NH – 2022 Tax Rate Release Information

We are in receipt of the 2022 tax rate. The Select Board's Office, with input from the School District, has prepared this information for you in an effort to assist in your understanding of the 2022 rate. The new tax rate, set by the NH Department of Revenue Administration on October 19 is \$23.19 per thousand. This breaks down as follows:

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Town	4.77	4.73	3.94	3.91	4.23
Local School	21.10	22.76	16.47	15.67	16.77
State School	2.42	2.43	1.85	1.88	1.31
County	1.11	1.13	0.87	0.86	0.88
Total	\$29.40	\$31.05	\$23.13	\$22.32	\$23.19

This is the first year of a tax rate increase since 2019. While we did receive some unanticipated revenues, the overall spending to support the Town, School and County operations. The School District returned less of a fund balance than prior years. Instead they put some of the savings into trust funds to account for future needs.

The 2020 tax year was our most recent revaluation, and the next one is scheduled for 04/01/2025. The changes in values made 2020 quite dynamic, and the overall impacts of budgets and property values have settled more into the 2021 and 2022 rates.

A key component to the annual setting of the tax rate is the total amount of town-wide assessed valuation. This is the total value of all taxable land and buildings in Fremont. We did not see significant increases in values for 2022 though the increase did help to reduce the tax rate by approximately \$0.37. The values have changed as follows:

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total Assessed Valuation	\$409,848,930	\$410,788,368	\$535,327,528	\$541,193,155	\$550,443,587

The School District has been able to return funds from unassigned fund balance which significantly works to balance the tax impacts. This year, the School District's fund balance was used to add to trust fund accounts for future use. The remaining amount \$102,230 was returned. If you have specific questions about the school expenses, you should contact the Superintendent's Office, SAU #83 at 432 Main Street, Fremont NH at 603 895 6903.

The State School tax portion decreased by \$0.57. Both the Local and State School portions fund education within our District.

If you have specific questions about the Town's portion of the tax rate, they can be directed to the Select Board's Office at the Town Hall at 603 895 2226 x 301.

As in all years, the local tax rates (Town and School) are a direct reflection of the action and votes taken by the voters of Fremont at the annual Town and School District Deliberative Sessions, followed by March ballot voting. The Select Board, School Board and Budget Committee are currently working on the budgets for the next respective fiscal years. Budget Committee meetings are held on Wednesday evenings and are broadcast on FCTV 22 and livestreamed on Vimeo. The Public Budget Hearing will be held on 01/11/2023 at the Ellis School Gym; and Deliberative Sessions will be held beginning at 9:00 am on Saturday February 4, 2023 at Ellis School. All dates are on the website calendar.

The portion of the Rockingham County budget attributable to Fremont increased by \$17,722 to a total of \$481,701 for a rate increase of two cents.

Veteran Credits decreased by \$7,125 to \$221,375. Elderly and Disabled Exemptions increased by \$153,600 to \$2,255,000. Current Use values did not change significantly. There was \$9,250,532 of new assessed value attributable to new homes, garages, sheds, and other property improvements. Additions to the tax base help to offset expenditure increases and more evenly balance the tax rate.

The Tax Collector's Office at the Town Hall will be open the following dates for payment of taxes:

Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 12 noon

Tuesday 8:00 am to 12 noon (these hours have changed)

Wednesday 3:00 to 7:00 pm

Thursday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**SECOND ISSUE TAX BILLS ARE DUE
DECEMBER 1, 2022**

The Town Hall is open. You can drop your bill off while the Select Board's Office is open, or in the drop box, but you cannot get a paid receipt unless you visit the Tax Collector during open hours, or leave a stamped return envelope with your payment. In these uncertain times, you may continue to use the drop box or mail, as we check both frequently.

If you have questions about your assessment or an abatement, credit or exemption, please feel free to stop by the Select Board's Office for information. All property assessing records are public information. You can access the information online from the Town's website at <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/online/property/look>. We send updates in several times a year to the Vision site, and you can see the most recent date of updates when you log on. The Select Board's Office is open Monday and Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon; Tuesday and Wednesday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm; and Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, and this is where the most current information is housed. A public (always up to date) terminal is available when the Town Hall is open. We will also be glad to mail out your property card to you, if you call or email us and make a request.

If you feel that your property is disproportionately assessed, or there are listing errors on your card, you can file an abatement. Our abatement information sheet is available at the Town Offices and on the town website at <https://www.fremont.nh.gov/assessing/pages/abatements>. Abatement forms are also available at the Selectmen's Office. You need Form *Taxpayers 76:16 Abatement Application to Municipality*. You can also call or email the Select Board Office and we will send one out to you. Abatement forms are DUE no later than Wednesday MARCH 1, 2023 at 7 pm. A postmark of up to March 1, 2023 will be accepted. Postmarks after March 1, 2023 cannot be accepted.

You can drop off tax payments with a stamped self-addressed returned envelope, and the Collector will mail out your receipt. The Select Board's Office and Tax Collector's Office are located at the Fremont Town Hall, 295 Main Street; on the main floor.

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