

Tax Collector
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To: Aircraft Owner

From: Madaline Meyer, Tax Collector

RE: **2023-2024 AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION-** new this year...Tax Office closed Wednesdays

Please be advised that it is time to apply for your 2023-2024 aircraft registration.

******IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT******

***** A copy of your current FAA certificate of registration is now required for CT registration. Please include it with the completed registration form. Please note that the information on the FAA registration and CT registration must match exactly and that if the FAA certificate has expired, you CANNOT receive a decal until you have an updated certificate. Make several copies of your FAA Registration, so that you have one for us for each new year of registering the aircraft in Chester!***

*****RENEWAL DEADLINE:**

All registrations must be renewed by October 31, 2023 in accordance with the provisions of Connecticut State Statutes Sections 13b-39a to 13b-39e.

*****PENALTY FEES:**

Failure to register may result in being fined \$200.00 on the first offense and \$500.00 for each subsequent offense. And we do follow these rules.

*****AIRCRAFT REGISTERED IN ANOTHER STATE:**

Any aircraft owner who has their aircraft **registered in another state must also register their aircraft** in the state of CT pursuant to CT State Statutes, if you land or stay in Chester, CT.

*****ULTRA LIGHT AIRCRAFT:**

While the Federal Aviation Administration does not require registration of ultra light aircraft, Connecticut State Statute requires ultra light aircraft to be registered with the town where it is kept.

*****MULTIPLE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT USE:**

Aircraft used at multiple Connecticut airports must be registered at the town with primary usage. Proof of registration must be sent to the shared town.

*****AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURED BEFORE 1946:**

Aircraft manufactured before 1946 shall pay the lesser of \$100.00 or the fee, as required on the basis of gross weight.

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****EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY AIRCRAFT, GOVERNMENT AIRCRAFT OR DEALERS:**
Federal Aviation Regulations Part 121 and 135 certificated operations are exempt from a fee, but you must fill out a registration form and attach a copy of such certificate. A registration decal will be issued at no charge to exempt registrations.

****REGISTRATION FEES:** Please make payable to "Town of Chester-Tax Collector" in accordance to the following schedule:

<u>Gross Weight</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Up to 3,000	\$ 90.00
3,001 to 4,500	\$ 250.00
4,501 to 8,000	\$ 700.00
8,001 to 12,500	\$1,500.00
12,501 and over	\$2,500.00

****LOST CERTIFICATE OR DECAL:**

If a valid certificate or number decal is lost, mutilated, or destroyed, the aircraft owner shall notify the municipal registration official within 15 days. Owner will be issued a duplicate certificate or new number decal upon payment of a fee of \$5.00.

****OWNERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY IN PERSON:**

The Tax Collector's Office is located on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall, at 203 Middlesex Avenue. Office hours are: Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and then on Wednesday now CLOSED ON WEDNESDAYS.. Call for an appointment if necessary!

****IF YOU MUST APPLY BY MAIL:**

***Please send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your **SIGNED** application and fee and be sure to include a **COPY OF YOUR CURRENT FAA REGISTRATION** to:

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****PLACEMENT OF CERTIFICATE AND DECAL:**

The Registration Certificate shall be carried aboard the aircraft and shall be available for inspection. The Registration Decal shall be displayed on the right side of the aircraft tail below the **horizontal stabilizer**. The number shall be maintained in a legible condition and shall be clearly visible and entirely unobscured.

****QUESTIONS:** The Tax Collector's Office may be reached at:

E-mail: TaxCollector@chesterct.org or MadalineMeyer@chesterct.org
Do not use TaxClerk email, since I do not have an assistant at this time!
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