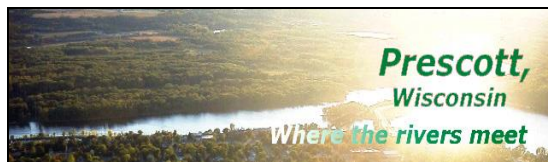


FAST TAX FACTS

What you should know about your 2017 property taxes...



Working together toward reaching our common goals of delivering the best possible services, in the most effective and courteous manner, with the highest level of integrity, in order to enhance the quality of life for the Prescott community.

Questions?

Phone: (715) 262-5544

Fax: (715) 262-5764

Email: vnorby@prescottcity.org

Web: www.prescottwi.org

PROPERTY TAX FACTS

[Where can I pay my taxes?](#)

By mail:

City of Prescott
800 Borner Street N.
Prescott WI 54021

In person:

City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. City Hall will be closed December 25th and January 1st for the Holidays.

All payments made in person or postmarked by January 31, 2018 should be made payable to the City of Prescott.

We accept cash, checks, Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover card payments for property tax payments.

Credit and debit card payments may be made in person or on our website; www.prescottcity.org under City Services. A convenience charge of 2.39% will be assessed.

Payments made **after January 31, 2018** should be made payable and sent to:

Pierce County Treasurer
P.O. Box 87
Ellsworth WI 54011

[How do I get a receipt?](#)

Send a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment and we will mail you a receipt.

[When are my taxes due?](#)

The first installment must be paid by January 31, 2018. The first installment includes one-half of your property taxes and 100% of any special charges. The second installment is due by July 31st and must be paid to Pierce County.

[What if my escrow check is more than my tax payment?](#)

If your mortgage escrow check is larger than the amount owed on your tax bill, you will be issued a refund check from the City of Prescott. Refunds are generally issued within 30 days of payment.

[What if I don't agree with the assessed value of my home?](#)

Assessed values cannot be changed for the 2017 property taxes. However, you may discuss the 2018 assessed value with the City's Assessors:

Accurate Appraisal
Barb Wroblewski
1-800-770-3927

[How do I license my pets?](#)

City Ordinances require all dogs be licensed by, or within 30 days of acquiring ownership, or when the animal reaches five months of age. To register bring in a copy of the rabies vaccination certification.

Annual License fees are:

Spayed/neutered	\$15
Not spayed/neutered	\$18

[Where and when is the RabiesClinic?](#)

A rabies clinic will be held on January 20th from 9am-Noon located at the Public Works garage. Rabies, distemper combination, cat leukemia, and lymes for dogs will be available. Cash or credit cards only.

[Am I eligible for the Lottery Credit?](#)

If this is your primary residence and if you or the previous owner owned and lived in the home on January 1, 2017, you are eligible for the lottery credit.

If the lottery credit is not on your tax bill, please request a "Lottery Credit Claim Form" before you pay your taxes and your bill will be reduced.

[What is the First Dollar Credit?](#)

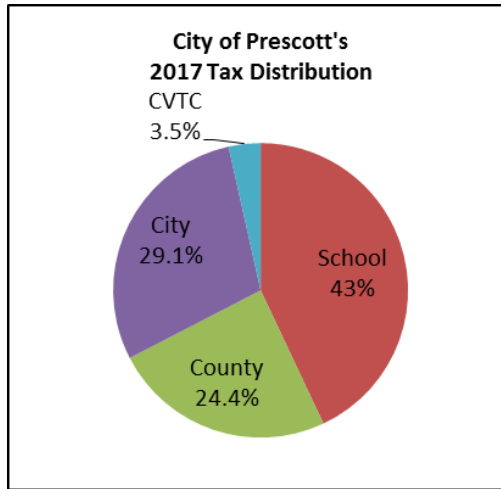
The First Dollar Credit is an expansion of the school levy credit. Every taxable parcel in the State of WI qualifies for the First Dollar Credit provided that parcel contains a real property improvement. This includes business, commercial and private property. Unlike the Lottery and Gaming Credit, the property does not need to be the primary residence of the owner. A personal property improvement is not a qualifier for this credit. Property owners do not have to apply for this credit.

[Help us be accurate...](#)

Please write your parcel or bill number on your check and bring in or mail a copy of your tax bill along with your check. Please notify us of any change in your mailing address.

[Where do my tax dollars go?](#)

Taxes collected are based on the tax levies required by the City of Prescott, State of Wisconsin, Pierce County, Prescott School District, and Chippewa Valley Technical College. Your tax payment for 2017 is distributed as follows:



[What is the tax rate?](#)

	2016	2017	Change	% Change
State of WI	.18	0	-.18	-100%
Pierce County	5.95	6.40	+.45	+7.6%
Prescott School District	12.89	13.22	+.33	+2.6%
Chippewa Valley Tech College	0.92	0.92	0	0%
City of Prescott	7.92	7.64	-.28	-3.5%
Sub Total	27.86	28.18	+.32	+1.1%
Less: School Credit	-1.78	-1.91	+.13	+7.3%
Total	26.09	26.27	+.19	+7%

[Why did my taxes go up so much this year?](#)

Many residents will see an increase to their tax bills this year. This past summer the City had a mandated revaluation done and many property values increased to be more in line with the current market. The City's total assessed value increased by 7.8%. Normally if your home increased by this amount or less, it would not necessarily cause your taxes bill to increase if the levies stayed flat or had minimal increases. However that, coupled with larger levy increases from the taxing jurisdictions caused an overall net increase to the mill rate which is what gets calculated on to your new assessed property value.

[How are City tax dollars used?](#)

