

# 2022 CITY OF ELKHORN PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION



## Office Hours and Location

**Monday—Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

*Closed for the holidays on December 23, 26, 30, 2022 & January 2, 2023*

**Drop boxes located at:** 311 Seymour Ct. & 101 N. Wisconsin St. (Library)

**Mail Tax Payment to:** City of Elkhorn, PO BOX 920, Elkhorn WI 53121

**Phone:** (262) 723-2219      **Website:** [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org)

## **FULL VALUE PROPERTY ASSESSMENT**

The City maintains a full value assessment program administered by Accurate Appraisal, LLC. New construction and permitted improvements continue to be inspected annually. Properties are assessed using a market value analysis with necessary adjustments made to keep the assessed values at 100%. Property owners are notified prior to physical inspections being conducted and when changes are made to their assessed value. The full value system helps to ensure an equitable distribution of the property tax across all properties. If you have questions, contact Accurate Appraisal, LLC at (800) 770-3927, by email at [info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com), or visit the assessor's website at [www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com).

## **2022 PROPERTY TAXES**

The City serves as collection agent for all property taxes levied on City residents by the taxing jurisdictions. The portion retained by the City is approximately 39%. The balance of taxes is distributed to three other taxing jurisdictions: *Elkhorn Area School District, Walworth County, and Gateway Technical*. The chart illustrates the share of the tax levy allocated to each taxing jurisdiction.

City property taxes are allocated to the following funds: General Fund (51%), Debt Service (33%), Matheson Library (7%), Emergency Medical Services (7%), and Capital Equipment (2%).

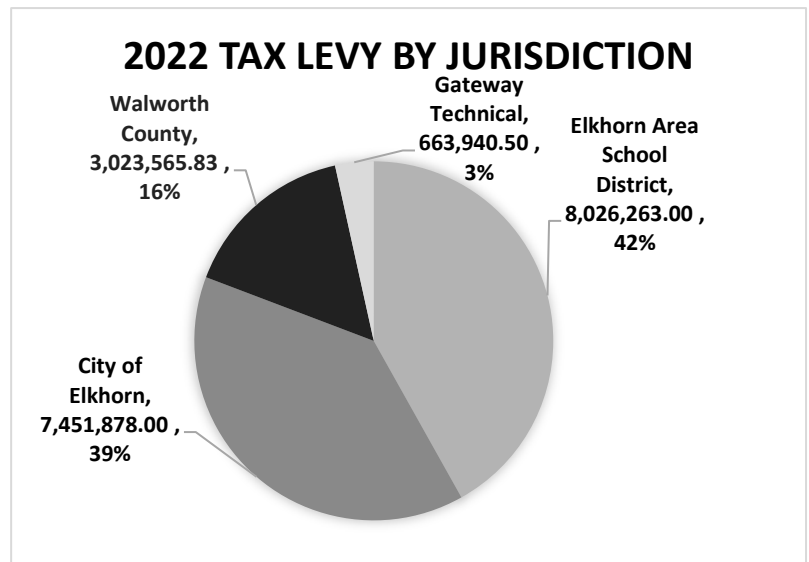
The **General Fund** supports general services, including police, fire, public works, administrative operations, and recreation. The approximate distribution of the General Fund expenditures is the following: **Police (30%); Fire (25%); General Government (17%); Public Works/Parks/Forestry (21%); and Recreation (7%)**.

## **OPTIONS TO PAY**

- **Cash or check in person** at City Administration Offices, 311 Seymour Ct, during office hours, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
- **Drop Box** at City Administration Offices, 311 Seymour Ct., or Matheson Memorial Library, 101 N. Wisconsin St., 24 hrs a day
- **By mail** to *City of Elkhorn, PO BOX 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121*
- **Online with debit/credit card or e-check (for a nominal fee)** at [www.officialpayments.com](http://www.officialpayments.com) or call (800) 272-9829 (Jurisdiction Code #5869)

**We encourage residents to mail in tax payments or put them in the drop box located outside City Administration Offices, 311 Seymour Ct.**

- **Remember to make checks payable to City of Elkhorn and include your parcel number.** The City does not accept post-dated checks.
- **If paying with cash, please have exact change.**
- Payments received by mail or in person are receipted the day received. Drop box payments will be processed the next working day. City Administration Offices will be closed on December 30 and January 2. Any payments in the drop box as of 8 a.m. January 3, will be receipted as 12/31/22.
- If you would like a receipt mailed, enclose a self-addressed stamped business-sized envelope with your payment. Receipts are also available at <https://ascent.co.walworth.wi.us/LandRecords>.





**Do You Qualify for the Lottery and Gaming Tax Credit on Your 2022 Real Estate Tax Bill?**

Wisconsin residents can claim the Lottery and Gaming Tax Credit as a reduction of real estate taxes owed for their primary residence if they live there more than 6 months of the year as of January 1, 2022. If you bought your home after January 1 you may qualify for the credit if the home was used by the previous owner as their primary residence on January 1. If you qualify but the credit does not appear in the 2022 Net Tax column above the Net Property Tax amount on your bill, you can complete a Lottery Credit Application and return it with your payment. Forms are available at City Administration Offices or the City’s website at [www.cityofelkhorn.org/forms](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org/forms).

**If Your Escrow Check Isn’t Enough or Too Much**

If the escrow check is not enough to pay the first installment, you are responsible to pay the difference by January 31, 2023. If your escrow check exceeds the amount of the FULL tax bill, a refund will be issued within two weeks.

**Property Tax Bills and Receipts Available Online!**

Taxpayers can obtain a copy of their tax bill and *print receipts* on the Walworth County’s website. Users have the availability to look up assessment history, tax history, special districts their property is in, and recorded documents associated with their property. Go to [co.walworth.wi.us](http://co.walworth.wi.us) and click the link *Property Taxes*, or via a link on the City’s website. The website is a good place to look up tax payments made on your property and **print your tax receipt**.



**Winter Parking Regulations:** Street parking is permitted on either side of the street except when the National Weather Service has issued any of the following storm messages for our area: *Winter Weather Advisory, Winter Storm Warning or Blizzard Warning*. Whenever those messages have been issued, parking is prohibited at all times on all streets, except for those in the downtown central business district. **The parking restriction remains in effect for 12 hours after the expiration of the winter storm message.** Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations may be cited and towed. Vehicle owners will be responsible for all costs incurred for removal and storage of vehicles.

**Winter Sidewalk Clearing:** Please remember to clear all snow and/or ice from the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall in accordance with City Ordinance 8.02.8. We also ask for your help in clearing snow from and around any hydrants and utility meters.



**Christmas Tree Collection / Drop Off**

Pine Trees are collected January 9-13, 2023. You may also drop them off at the City’s Compost Site at 401 E Centralia St, at the end of Getzen St during that time frame.

**2023 Cat and Dog Licenses-Due by March, 31 2023**

Applications and fees for licenses are accepted at City Administration Offices during office hours. Remember to bring the rabies vaccination certificate. Pets over the age of five months need to be licensed. A \$5.00 penalty is added after 3/31/2023.

If mailing in registration, enclose the following items:

- Your **check** made out to the *City of Elkhorn* (must be a separate check from your tax payment)
- Copy of each **pet’s current rabies vaccination record with serial number and manufacturer**
- A **self-addressed, stamped business size envelope** to return your license to you
- The *completed form* below

Mail the above to: City of Elkhorn, PO BOX 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121

***Your license tag on your pet’s collar helps locate the owner if a lost pet is recovered!***

<u>License fees are as follows:</u>
For spayed/neutered pets
<b>\$14.00</b>
For unaltered pets
<b>\$33.00</b>

**CAT/DOG LICENSE APPLICATION** (complete if mailing in application; see instructions above)

Owner’s Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Owner’s Address \_\_\_\_\_ Check one: \_\_\_ Spayed \_\_\_ Neutered \_\_\_ Unaltered

Name of Pet \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Breed \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Microchip Number \_\_\_\_\_

