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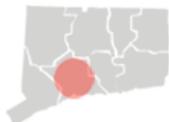
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Tax on residences actually rises 14.5%

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NEW HAVEN — It's old news by now, but the often-cited 9.8 percent "average" tax increase for homeowners is well below average.

It's more like 14.5 percent.

Mayor John DeStefano Jr. first provided the 9.8 figure to reporters at a May press conference, and the number was printed often, although sometimes as 9 percent, without correction or clarification.

But Wednesday, in response to an inquiry, spokeswoman Jessica Mayorga said it was the increase in all tax bills, including commercial and motor vehicle (which declined on average), that grew 9.8 percent.

While other media outlets also reported following the May press conference the 9.8 increase applied to the average homeowner, Mayorga disputes that increase was misstated by City Hall.

"Perhaps we presented it in a way that wasn't clear," Mayorga said.

According to Joe Clerkin, city budget and management supervisor, homeowners saw tax increases anywhere between zero to 78 percent (a property whose assessment grew from \$9,000 to \$189,000), but the majority of residents experienced increases between 10 percent to 20 percent.

Payments on car taxes and the first half of annual home property taxes were due Aug. 1.

While the city's budget for fiscal 2008-09 kept the tax rate at 42.2 mills, tax bills rose for most homeowners due to revaluation. New assessments are being phased in over five years.

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