

HERMITAGE/WHEATLAND MERGER – EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

TAX FACTS

Property Tax:

- Municipal: Wheatland Residents will see an *80% reduction* as Hermitage has a tax rate of **5 mills** (Wheatland rate was 24.75 mills).
- County and School District: Set by Mercer County (23.65 mills) and Farrell Area School District (77.7628 mills), these remain the same.
- **Collection: Bernie Harry, Hermitage City Tax Collector**, 800 N. Hermitage Road; *municipal and counties taxes issued in March; school taxes issued in August.* (school taxes will be collected by Bernie Harry if agreed to by Farrell Schools).

Earned Income Tax:

- **2.25%** tax rate (1.75% to the city; .5 % to Farrell Area School District) on employee or business income.
- Will continue to be **collected by Berkheimer** with employers withholding and remitting from employee paychecks and employees filing annual tax return with Berkheimer.
- **Notify your employer** that your earned income tax is increasing from the Wheatland rate of 1.5% to the Hermitage rate of 2.25%, effective 01/01/24.

Per Capita Tax:

- **\$30** – Annual tax on each resident (\$20 to the city; \$10 to Farrell Area School District). Wheatland had a combined per capita and occupational assessment that totaled \$25.
- Issued in **August** and **collected by Bernie Harry, Hermitage City Tax Collector**, 800 N. Hermitage Road (Wheatland previously split this into 2 billings).
- **Exonerations**: Individuals with annual income of \$5,000 or less can be exonerated from the entire amount; those with incomes between \$5,000 and \$12,000 can be exonerated from the \$20 city per capita tax only. **You must annually complete an exoneration form at the office of Bernie Harry, Hermitage Tax Collector, with proof of income.**

- *Exonerations are in accordance with state law, regardless of previous practice.*

Local Services Tax (LST):

- **Remains at \$52 annually** and it is withheld and remitted by employers.
- **Collected by Berkheimer** (previously, Wheatland Tax Collector collected it).
- *Employees should notify their employer that it will now be collected by Berkheimer.*

Mechanical Devices Tax:

- **\$50/year** for amusement machines (skill games, video games, claw machines); \$25/year for juke boxes
- Application to be completed; collected by Hermitage Police Department

Business License Tax:

- **\$200** annual tax fee on businesses *collected by Bernie Harry, Hermitage Tax Collector; Transient Business License (door-to-door sales and booth sales) collected by Hermitage Police Department – \$10/day; \$25/week; \$50/month – Application to be completed.*
- Annual return available on January 1 and **due by April 15th.**
- **Exemptions** available for businesses with annual gross receipts of \$50,000 or less (proof must be provided); non-profits, manufacturing businesses (state law), or businesses determined exempt by PA Courts (i.e. banks and insurance companies).

Questions:

- For **property tax, per capita tax, or business license tax**, contact **Hermitage Tax Office at 724-347-4472.**
- For **earned income tax or local services tax**, contact **Berkheimer at 724-981-0800, Ext. 1140.**