

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT:

Official Payments Corp will accept credit/debit cards or E-check through internet or telephone. You can access via www.officialpayments.com or 1-800-272-9829, or on the City's website www.sanfordmaine.org. The City's Jurisdiction Code is: 2927, which is required for telephone payments. Should you choose to use this option, there will be a fee charged by "Official Payments".

The Clerk's Office accepts credit /debit cards through "Value Payment System" (V P S). Should you choose to use this option, there will be a fee charged by V P S.

Homestead Exemption

The legislature in 1998 enacted a new homestead exemption for all Maine residents. Homeowners whose permanent place of residence is in Maine are entitled to a reduction in valuation. This year the amount of the exemption is **\$ 25,000** off the total valuation, if you are at 100% of market value. In order to qualify, you must minimally be a resident of Maine for at least 12 months prior to April 1st of the year you are filing this application.

If the homeowners qualify, they must fill out a simple form declaring property as their permanent place of residence. Once the application is filed, the exemption remains until the owner sells or changes their place of legal residence. Sign the form and deliver it either by mail or in person to your local assessor or City Office.

Veterans Exemption

Veterans who have reached the age of 62 and who have served in a federally recognized war period, as well as 100% disabled veterans, qualify for an exemption of \$6,000. The widow, minor child, or widowed mother of a veteran may qualify for this exemption as well. Proof of service and honorable discharge, a copy of their **DD214, and Birth Certificate are required**. Paralegic Veteran's also qualify for a Veterans exemption up to \$50,000 of just valuation, for a specially adapted housing unit, and only in the place where the veteran is a legal resident.

Blind Exemption

Resident property owners who have been declared legally blind by their physician and have documentation are entitled to an exemption up to \$4,000. You must submit documentation to the Assessor's Office on or before this date.

Deadline for filing application is April 1st of the current tax year.

NOTE: All applications for the Homestead, Veterans, and Blind Exemptions may be downloaded from the State of Maine website: <http://www.maine.gov/revenue/propertytax/sidebar/exemptions.htm>. All forms are available in the Assessor's Office. Should you have any questions concerning any of the exemptions please contact our office at (207) 324-9115