

Town Government

A Brief Overview

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Town Government

- Every New Yorker lives in a city or a town.
- Some Towns have one or more villages within their borders.
- 932 Towns in NYS

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- 466,558* live in Onondaga County
- 19 Towns in Onondaga County.
- 59% of County residents live in Towns (outside of city and villages). – 273,542*
- Created by Legislature or by division of one or more existing towns by the county legislative body. [County Law § 229; Constitution article IX, § 2(a)]

**Population based on 2010 Census Data*

Town Law § 2 defines a town as a “municipal corporation comprising the inhabitants within its boundaries, and formed for the purpose of exercising such powers and discharging such duties of local government and administration of public affairs as have been, or, may be conferred or imposed upon it by law.”

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- Population ranges from 50 to 750,000
- Clay – 58,206*
- Salina– 33,710*
- Spafford – 1,686*

**Population based on 2010 Census Data*

Classification of Towns:

TOWN	COUNTY	POPULATION	AREA (SQ. MI.)	CLASS
Town of Camillus	Onondaga	24,167	34.4	Suburban
Town of Cicero	Onondaga	31,632	48.3	Suburban
Town of Clay	Onondaga	58,206	48	Suburban
Town of DeWitt	Onondaga	25,838	33.8	First
Town of Elbridge	Onondaga	5,922	37.5	Second
Town of Fabius	Onondaga	1,964	46.5	Second
Town of Geddes	Onondaga	17,118	9.2	Suburban
Town of La Fayette	Onondaga	4,952	39.2	Second
Town of Lysander	Onondaga	21,759	61.7	First
Town of Manlius	Onondaga	32,370	49.2	First
Town of Marcellus	Onondaga	6,210	32.5	Second
Town of Onondaga	Onondaga	23,101	57.7	Suburban
Town of Otisco	Onondaga	2,541	29.5	Second
Town of Pompey	Onondaga	7,080	66.4	Second
Town of Salina	Onondaga	33,710	13.8	Suburban
Town of Skaneateles	Onondaga	7,209	42.6	Second
Town of Spafford	Onondaga	1,686	32.7	Second
Town of Tully	Onondaga	2,738	25.8	Second
Town of Van Buren	Onondaga	13,185	35.4	First

Town Officers:

- Supervisor – Elected
- 4 to 6 Council Members – Elected
- Town Clerk – Elected or Appointed
- Highway Superintendent – Elected or Appointed

Town Officers:

- Receiver of Taxes – Elected
- Assessor – Appointed – 6 years
- Town Justice (2) – Elected
- Elected terms range from 2 to 4 years

Town Officers:

- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Planning Board
- Board of Assessment Review
- Appointed by Town Board to various term lengths.

Town Officers:

- Town Board exercises both legislative and executive functions.
- Supervisor is more administrative than executive.

Services Provided by Towns:

- Public Safety
- Utilities
- Garbage Pick Up
- Snow Plowing
- Recreation
- Zoning/Planning
- Code Enforcement

Services Provided by Towns:

- Marriage Licenses
- Handicap Tags
- Dog Licenses
- Animal Control
(Dog Control, Trapper)
- US Passports
- DEC Licenses
(Hunting, Fishing, etc.)
- Crossing Guards

Services Provided by Towns:

- Road Maintenance
- Sign Maintenance/
Construction
- Senior Programs
- Tree Trimming/
Removal
- Tax Collection

A Few Closing Thoughts:

- Town government is personal
- Neighbors represent neighbors
- Services....

My Tax Bill:

RECEIPT

If you feel the assessment on your property is too high, you have the right to file a grievance to lower it for future tax bills. For information, please contact your assessor for the booklet "How to File a Complaint on Your Assessment" and also to inquire about exemptions. Any reduction in assessment will not be reflected on this bill....

LEVY DESCRIPTION	TAX LEVY	% Change From Prior YR Levy	RATE	TAXABLE VALUE	AMOUNT DUE
STATE MANDATED COSTS	140891159	0.0	5.60340000	85000.00	476.29
TOWN TAX	3021072	8.7	1.93140000	85000.00	164.17
HIGHWAY TAX	4264858	0.2	2.87550000	85000.00	244.42
BEARTRAP L C DRG AV	483232	2.9	0.10400000	85000.00	8.84
ONON CO SAN UN		0.0	388.80000000	1.00 Units	388.80
COUNTY WATER	1696205	0.0	0.06470000	85000.00	5.50
LYNCOURT FIRE	635600	1.9	3.31160000	85000.00	281.49
SALINA CONS REFUSE		0.0	153.19510000	1.00 Units	153.20
CONS SEWER 1 TEAL		0.0	88.36010000	1.00 Units	88.36

TOTAL TAXES DUE BY JANUARY 31, 2014:

\$1811.07

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

Receipt#: 9206

Date Paid: 01/29/2014

Full Payment - Bank Payment

Tax: 1811.07

Penalty: 0.00

Surcharge: 0.00

Notice Fee: 0.00

Ret. Check Fee: 0.00

Cash: 0.00

Check: 1811.07

Check #: Corelogic

Received from CORELOGIC - CUC MORTGAGE CORP - Via Mail: \$1811.07

TOTAL TAXES PAID TO DATE:

\$1811.07

PAID IN FULL



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