

**CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Commissioner of Finance by section 389 (b) of the New York City Charter and in accordance with the requirements of section 1043 of the New York City Charter, I hereby promulgate the within Rule Relating to Payment of Real Property Taxes by Electronic Funds Transfer.

Andrew S. Eristoff
Commissioner of Finance

**Rules Relating to Payment of Real Property Taxes by
Electronic Funds Transfer**

Section 1. A new chapter 43 is added to Title 19 of the Compilation of the Rules of the City of New York (Rule Relating to Payment of Real Property Taxes by Electronic Funds Transfer), to read as follows:

Chapter 43

**Payment of Real Property Taxes
by Electronic Funds Transfer**

§ 43-01 Electronic Payment of Real Property Taxes. The Commissioner of Finance may, in his or her discretion, authorize payment of any real property tax by means of an electronic funds transfer (EFT) from the taxpayer's cash account.

(a) **Authorization.** Prior to making its first payment of real property tax by electronic funds transfer, a taxpayer must be authorized to make EFT payments by the Department of Finance. To receive authorization, the taxpayer must execute an agreement on a form prepared by the Department of Finance in which the taxpayer furnishes the Department with all the banking information requested by the Department to enable it to complete the EFT transaction. Such information shall include, but not be limited to, the name and address of the bank from which an EFT shall be authorized, the account number from which the payment shall be authorized and the borough, block and lot of the real property for which such payments shall be authorized. The agreement shall require that the taxpayer authorize the Commissioner of Finance to debit such account on the last date by which real property taxes may be paid without the accrual of interest in accordance with applicable law.

(b) **Timely Payment.** A taxpayer's payment of real property tax by EFT shall be deemed timely and not subject to interest charges if such taxpayer has authorized the Commissioner of Finance to debit the taxpayer's account on the statutory due date in accordance with subdivision (a) of this section, and such account is properly identified and on the date that the tax payment is due, such account contains

sufficient funds to enable the successful completion of the EFT.

(c) 48 Hour Period for EFT Payments. For real property tax payments made by EFT only, the Commissioner shall debit a taxpayer's account no less than 48 hours from the close of business on the last date on which the tax can be paid without interest.

Basis and Purpose of Rule

The purpose of this rule is to begin to modernize the New York City Department of Finance's method of collecting real property tax payments. This new chapter 43 of Title 19 of the Rules of the City of New York enables the Commissioner of Finance to authorize taxpayers to make real property tax payments by Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT).

The rule provides that to receive authorization to make payments by EFT, the taxpayer must execute an agreement with the Department of Finance which includes all the banking information necessary for the completion of the EFT transaction. Also, the taxpayer must properly identify by borough, block and lot, the parcel for which payments are authorized to be made from such account. The rule further provides that a real property tax payment made electronically will be deemed to have been made on the date on which the payment is authorized, provided that the cash account is properly identified and that the account contains sufficient funds to enable the successful completion of the EFT.

This new payment mechanism affords taxpayers the convenience of paying electronically, while enabling the City to reduce paperwork and processing time.

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