



CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, N.Y.  
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER

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The Honorable City Council  
City Hall  
1 Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, NY 10550

**RE: COMP2024-9 – Request permission for the Comptroller to write-off the unpaid property tax and interest for the insufficient checks from 2019**

Honorable City Council Members:

As previously reported to you, the bank reconciliations from 2019 – 2021 were not completed during the former Comptroller's tenure. This delinquency caused discrepancies in the property tax records, where payment made that were insufficient were not reconciled, nor tax payment due re-levied to the property. During our reconciliation of these items, we adjusted the affected property records, re-levied the taxes and issued a notice of payment due to the property owner.

While most of the property owners had remained the same, there was a small percentage of owners who had sold the property, and the new owner received the arrears notice. Since the new owner completed a title search during the purchase of the property and our office reported that no taxes were due and owing, we cannot hold the new owner responsible for the insufficient funds from a period prior to their ownership.

Therefore, this request is made to authorize the Comptroller to write off \$31,130.55 of unpaid property taxes and interest for the attached list of properties, who have new homeowners. If there are any questions, or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thanking you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

Darren M. Morton, Ed.D., CPRP, CMFO  
Comptroller

cc: Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard  
Corporation Counsel  
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