



NYC Charities as Property Owners July 22, 2013

The NYC Department of Finance (DOF) has revamped webpages for property
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/property.shtml>

Every religious and communal organization which owns property in NYC should check on the status of its real property exemption, water and sewer exemption, various charges from different NYC agencies and ownership, address and billing information. There is information on Tax Lien Sales, On-Line Payments, Value Assessments, Real Estate History, Water Bill and Renewal of Exemption.

You can review the information that the City has on your property(s). It is always wise to know what NYC thinks is happening at your property and obviously problems are easier to correct the earlier they are caught. In addition, you can: make sure there are no charges of which you are unaware; make sure your various exemptions are still in place each year; make sure there are no billing or ownership mistakes; or see if there are any credits for which you have not obtained a refund (they are lost after 6 years).

NEW – DOF Annual Exemption Renewal Now On-Line

For the 2014/15 Tax Year, DOF has launched an [Online Renewal System](#) to make filing an exemption renewal quicker and easier. During the week of July 22, 2013 DOF mailed all Not-For-Profit and Religious organizations letters which contained a User Name and Password to log in to the renewal system. Follow these links to: [Information Guide](#) and [FAQs](#)

Use this [Registration Link](#) if you want to change names or billing addresses. You can either do it on-line or fill out a form and mail to the Department of Finance

One suggestion for name change is to use abbreviations for the common words such as: for Congregation use either Cong.; for Yeshiva use Yesh.; for Mesivta use Mes. This allows more room for the rest of your organization's name and increases the chances of mail delivery.