

CT MUNICIPALITY EXEC ORDER 7S RESPONSES AS OF 4/20/2020

NORWALK –

On April 14, the Common Council approved an automatic grace period for taxes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Taxpayers will now be able to pay their taxes, which were originally due on July 1, by October 1, 2020 without interest. Escrowed accounts do not qualify for the extended grace period. On October 2, interest will be charged back to the original July 1 due date. -

<https://www.norwalkct.org/DocumentCenter/View/15786/RELEASE-Coronavirus-Update-04152020?bidId=>

Payments made from an escrow account would not qualify for the deferred dating. Norwalk Tax Collector Lisa Biagiarelli estimated that escrow payments account for 50 percent of the City's total tax revenue. Landlords will be required to pass the deferred dating along to their tenants. "If it comes to our attention that a landlord took advantage of the deferred grace period and yet did not extend the same forbearance to the tenants, the extended grace period would be revoked, and interest would become due at the normal time," she said. "I calculate the cost (to Norwalk) of this deferral program at about \$50,000" Dachowitz told the Committee.

<https://www.nancyonnorwalk.com/norwalk-finance-committee-advances-deferred-tax-deadline/>

DANBURY –

On April 7, Danbury City Council approved a Deferment Program as proposed, from March 10, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, offering eligible taxpayers, businesses, non-profits and residents a tax deferment ninety (90) days of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or municipal water, sewer and electric rates, charges or assessments for such tax, rate, charge or assessment from the time that it becomes due and payable. Interest charged retroactively if paid. April 1 payment due on July 1 w/out interest, July 1 payment due on October 1 w/out interest (extending 30 day grace period to 90 day period). Program does not cover escrow payments.

Minutes are at <https://3ezdec3429u12dn5003td6zh-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-04-07-CITY-COUNCIL-Minutes.pdf>

Discussion can be found at https://danbury.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=&clip_id=1505&meta_id=56390

Application, due 7/1/20, is available on Danbury website
<https://www.danbury-ct.gov/covid-19-tax-deferral-program/>

HARTFORD –

City Council Minutes not available. Deferral program allows eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents to defer payment of real property, personal property and motor vehicles taxes for ninety days for taxes levied between March 10, 2020 and July 1, 2020. Within the bounds of eligibility defined by the State, the City would allow any taxpayer who says they have suffered economically because of COVID-19 to participate. Enactment is subject to approval by the City Council. Unpaid taxes after deferral will be subject to retroactive interest. Application, due 7/1/20, is available on Hartford website at <http://www.hartford.gov/images/Municipal-Tax-Relief-Deferral-Form-M-COVID19.pdf>

NEW HAVEN –

Will be considering tonight. <https://newhaven-ct.legistar.com/MeetingDetail.aspx?ID=777449&GUID=DF6844D1-1DBD-4964-8096-51EF37A6400E&Options=info|&Search=>

FAIRFIELD –

Defers property taxes for all taxpayers, including businesses. Certain exclusions only apply to landlords who must qualify to be considered eligible via an [application](#). Real estate accounts in escrow and paid by a bank are not eligible for this program. No application is necessary for taxpayers including businesses unless they are considered a landlord. Backup materials for Fairfield RTM available (discussion starts at page 41) at https://www.fairfieldct.org/filestorage/79/193/22994/89988/April_13_2020_Backup.pdf

GREENWICH –

Will be considering tonight (resolution can be found at <https://www.greenwichct.gov/DocumentCenter/View/14759/April-2020--2nd-additional-item-call>)

WESTPORT –

[First Selectman recommended approval of the deferral program.](#) BOF recommended deferral for eligible taxpayers on 4/15.

RTM to discuss at Special Meeting on 4/22/2020. Supporting materials can be found [here](#)

MILFORD –

Approved tax deferral program for eligible taxpayers. Residents must provide proof that since April 1, 2020, they have been either (1) been furloughed without pay; (2) had their hours significantly reduced; or (3) are unemployed, resulting in at least a 20% reduction of my household income. Businesses must provide proof that rRevenue is expected to decrease at least 30% in the April to June 2020 period versus the April to June 2019 period at this property.

Application available online at <https://www.ci.milford.ct.us/tax-collector/pages/tax-deferment-program-infoapp>