

TOWN OF ORANGE

DEFERMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7S, SECTION 6 (a)

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Lamont issued a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and confirmed spread in Connecticut; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declaration, Governor Lamont has issued twenty-nine (29) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Lamont issued Executive Order No. 7S, wherein he established two programs to offer support to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, known as the "Deferment Program" and the "Low Interest Rate Program;" and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7S, section 6 requires each municipality, by vote of its legislative body, to participate in one or both programs and to notify the Secretary of Office of Policy and Management on or before April 25, 2020 about which program the legislative body elected to participate in; and,

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Selectman of the Town of Orange that, in accordance with Executive Order No. 7S, Section 6 (a), that a Deferment Program is hereby established; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that during the period of March 10, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, the Town of Orange, by and through its Tax Collector, shall offer to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits and residents a deferment of three (3) months 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 it became due and payable; and,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits and residents are those that attest to being significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in order for a landlord, or any taxpayer that rents or leases to any commercial, residential or institutional tenant or lessee, to be eligible for the Deferment Program, said landlord must provide documentation to the Tax Collector of the Town of Orange that the landlord's or taxpayer's parcel has or will suffer a significant decline or that commensurate forbearance was offered to its tenants or lessees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that financial institutions or mortgage servicers that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of a borrower, who remains current on his or her mortgage or is in a forbearance or deferment program, irrespective of the borrower's eligibility for or participation in this Deferment Program, shall continue to remit property tax payments to the Tax Collector of the Town of Orange; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Deferment Program shall not affect any provision of the Connecticut General Statutes relating to continuing, recording and releasing property tax liens and the precedence and enforcement of taxes, rates, charges and assessments shall remain applicable to any deferred tax, rate, charge or assessment or installment or portion thereof.

DATED at Orange, Connecticut, this 23rd day of April, 2020.


James M. Zeoli
Its First Selectman, duly authorized
4-23-2020

ATTEST

Patrick B. O'Sullivan
Town Clerk

