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City of New Haven Municipal Tax Relief Program

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – On April 20, 2020, the New Haven Board of Alders elected to implement two tax relief programs offered by the State of Connecticut, a Low-Interest Program, and a Tax Deferment Program as set forth in the Governor’s Executive Order 7S. Below are details on the programs and how to apply.

Low-Interest Program (Application is not needed)
The Low-Interest Program is available to all taxpayers for the City of New Haven. There is not an application process, as all taxpayers are automatically enrolled in this program. The Low-Interest Program is an extended grace period program. The Low-Interest program does not allow a taxpayer to have an extended grace period with no interest at all. Rather, it addresses the rate of interest that is to be charged on a delinquent or past due bill. Interest is normally charged at a rate of 1.5% per month, 18% per year from the due date of the tax, with a portion of a month being considered a full month. This Low-Interest program provides a ‘window’ of three months from April 1, 2020, through July 1, 2020, from the due date where taxpayers would be able to pay at a reduced interest rate on past due taxes. The Low-Interest Program would automatically reduce the interest rate for a three-month window to 0.25% per month (three (3) per cent for year) for all taxpayers owing taxes and charges.

Tax Deferment Program (Application needed)
The Tax Deferment Program is an extended grace period program. Eligible taxpayers can defer their payment deadline 90 days from the initial due date. For the July 1, 2020 tax installment instead of the last day to pay being August 3, 2020, the last day to pay will be October 1, 2020. Whatever tax balance is due as of October 2, 2020, will accrue interest at 6% (1 ½% per month from the original due date, July 1, 2020) as is in accordance with Executive Order 7S, section 6 (a) “Deferment Program.” Eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents are those that attest to or document significant...
economic impact by COVID-19,” and / or those that document they are providing relief to others who have been significantly affected by COVID-19.

Deferment is not automatic; Taxpayers must apply via online application located on the City website, or taxpayers can download the application and mail to the City of New Haven, Assessors Office,165 Church Street, New Haven CT, Attn: Tax Deferral Program. All applications must be received by June 30, 2020, and be deemed eligible. Real estate escrow agents and leasing companies are ineligible for the Deferment Program. The Deferment shall apply to any property tax charge that becomes due and payable July 1st, 2020.

Application Deadline
Applications for the Tax Deferment Program must be received by the Office of Management and Budget and Office of Assessors by June 30, 2020, via mail or online application Questions related to the program can be emailed to TaxDeferral@newhavenct.gov or call 203-887-1060 (Beginning Wednesday 05/27/2020)

Summary for Deferment Program – Refer to Application and CT OPM Q&A

Eligible Resident:
Since April 1, 2020, I either.
1. I have been furloughed without pay,
2. I had my hours significantly reduced
3. I am unemployed.
One or a combination of the above has resulted in at least a 20% reduction in my household income.
1. Proof of Residency is attached (i.e., a copy of driver’s license, utility bill, or other proof of residency)

Business / Nonprofit:
1. Revenue is expected to decrease at least 30% in the April to June 2020 period versus the April to June 2019 period at this property.
2. Proof of Ownership is attached (i.e., copy of my business license, utility bill, Secretary of State listing, or other proof of ownership)

Eligible Landlords:
1. Property has or will suffer a significant revenue decline, OR that commensurate forbearance was offered to the tenants or lessees.

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