

COVID-19 Property Tax Relief Program

On April 1, 2020 Governor Lamont signed Executive Order 7-S, as amended by Executive Order 7-W, which established two programs aimed at providing temporary tax relief to taxpayers. Municipalities are required to adopt a program.

On April 20th, 2020 the Ashford Board of Selectmen unanimously adopted a resolution to offer the Tax Deferment Program to its taxpayers.

Tax Deferment Program

The effect of this program is the equivalent of an extended grace period. The due date of the tax bill is still July 1, 2020. Instead of the last day to pay being August 3, 2020, the last day to pay will be extended to October 1, 2020. **All taxpayers must make payment no later than October 1st, or interest will be charged at the statutory rate of 1.5% per month retroactive to July 1, 2020 (6%), or a minimum of \$2.00, whichever is greater.**

Landlord Eligibility Under the Deferment Program:

In order for landlords **WHO DO NOT ESCROW THEIR TAXES**, (or any taxpayer that rents or leases property to tenants or lessees) to be eligible for the Deferment Program, they must provide the Tax Collector with documentation that either the parcel has or will suffer significant income decline, or that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants or lessees.

Commensurate forbearance means (1) a deferral of 25% of rent for ninety (90) days after its due date; (2) a deferral of one month's rent to be paid over the ninety (90) day period; or (3) forbearance substantially similar to (1) or (2) as determined by the Tax Collector. The landlord must provide documentation evidencing proof that the tenants or lessees have received forbearance or that the landlord has actively offered forbearance to the tenants or lessees.

Escrow Payments

Escrow agents are still expected to remit tax payments on behalf of their customers according to the regular timetable, that is, by August 3rd.

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