

**RESOLUTION RE: TAX DEFERMENT PROGRAM PURSUANT
TO GOVERNOR LAMONT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-7S**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut ("Governor") declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States ("President") declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor he has issued a series of Executive Orders setting for the law governing the conduct of the business of state and municipal government during the period of the emergency;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7S ("EO 7S"), as amended by Executive Order No. 7W ("EO 7W"), requiring municipalities, by a vote of its legislative body, or, in any town in which the legislative body is a town meeting, by a vote of the board of selectmen, participate in a "Deferment Program" or "Low Interest Rate Program"; and/or

WHEREAS, participation in a deferment program is in the best interest of the Town of Ashford,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Ashford adopts as follows:

1. That pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 7S, beginning and including July 1, 2020, the Town of Ashford shall participate in the deferral program and will offer to all tax payers, businesses, non-profits and residents a deferment of three months for any taxes on real estate, personal property, or motor vehicle taxes from the time such taxes first become due and payable.
2. Eligible taxpayers shall not include Landlords unless they provide the documentation required by the Order.
3. Eligible taxpayers shall not include financial institutions escrowing taxes for residential, commercial, or industrial properties.

4. The Board of Selectmen directs the Ashford Tax Collector to proceed with implementation of this resolution as directed.

ADOPTED by the Ashford, CT Board of Selectmen on April 20th, 2020.

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Sherri L. Mutch

Attested by Sherri L. Mutch, Town Clerk

April 21, 2020

Date