

PRESS RELEASE

Mayor Dickinson releases the following guidelines for the implementation of the State-ordered tax and utility bill deferment Program for bills due on January 1, 2021. On April 14, 2020, the Wallingford Town Council voted to adopt a tax and utility payment deferment program ("Program") in accordance with Governor Lamont's Executive Order 7S ("EO 7S") (as revised by Executive Order 7W). Pursuant to Executive Order 9R, this Program is being extended as set forth below.

Pursuant to EO 9R, tax, water, sewer and electric payments that become **due on January 1, 2021** will have until April 1, 2021 to pay without any penalty or interest.

All taxpayers and utility customers may avail themselves of the Program without application except landlords of residential and commercial properties. The intent of the Program is to provide additional time to pay for those having financial difficulties due to the state of emergency. Under the Executive Order, landlords must meet certain eligibility requirements in order to benefit from the Program.

1. Key Provisions of the Program:

- a. This Program is essentially an extended grace period program. The deadline to pay is extended. The tax or utility bill must still be paid.
- b. It only applies to tax, water, sewer and electric payments **due on January 1, 2021.**
- c. It does not apply to any bills that are already delinquent as of January 1st or due thereafter. Delinquent bills are still accruing applicable late fees or interest charges.
- d. If your real estate taxes are escrowed and paid by your bank or mortgage company, the taxes shall be paid within the normal time period.

2. Mandatory Requirements for Landlords ONLY:

- a. **Residential and Commercial landlords** – You must apply for the deferment program. Applications are due no later than January 22, 2021.
- b. Applications may be obtained on the Town's website or by requesting one from the Comptroller. Applications may be submitted by:
 - Email to defprog@wallingfordct.gov
 - Mail to Comptroller, Department of Finance, Town of Wallingford, 45 South Main Street, Wallingford, CT 06492
 - Fax to Comptroller at 203-294-2293