

Town of Wallingford Tax and Utility Relief Program

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 EO 7S, tax, water, sewer and electric payments that become due between April 1, 2020 through July 1, 2020 (inclusive) will have a three-month grace period in which to pay without any penalty or interest. The grace period shall run from the due date on the bill.

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** between April 1st and July 1, 2020 (inclusive).
- c. It does not apply to any bills that are already delinquent as of April 1st. 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:

- a. **Residential landlords** – You must apply for the deferment program. Applications are due no later than July 1, 2020. Residential landlords may satisfy the eligibility requirement by confirming on the application that they are complying with Executive Order 7X relating to tenants.
- b. **Commercial landlords** – You must apply for the deferment program. Applications are due no later than July 1, 2020.

c. 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

ONLY LANDLORDS MUST APPLY FOR THE DEFERMENT PROGRAM