## COVID-19 IMPACT TAX RELIEF

## **Deferment Program**

Taxpayers who <u>apply and are approved</u> for this program will be granted an extended grace period. The original tax delinquent date of February 1, 2021 will extend to April 1, 2021. On April 2, 2021, the interest rate will revert back to the statutory 1.5% per month from due date if payment is not received in full. Program does not defer taxes. The Deferment program applies only to taxes that become due on January 1, 2021.

Taxpayers must attest to, with documentation, that they have been significantly impacted by COVID-19. To be eligible, a taxpayer must complete the required application and provide proof of such impact. The qualifying criteria consists of the following.

**Resident:** <u>must provide proof of 20% loss of income</u>.

Business Property/Non-profit: must provide proof of 30% loss of income.

Landlords (rents or leases property to tenants or lessees): must submit documentation that either the parcel will suffer significant income decline, or, that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants. Commensurate forbearance, for purposes of this program, means either a) a deferral of 25% of rent (approximating the property tax portion of rent) for the three (3) months after its due date; b) a deferral of one month's rent to be paid over the three (3) month period, or c) forbearance substantially similar to (a) or (b) as determined by the tax collector. Documentation includes, but is not limited to, proof that some tenants or lessees have received forbearance or that the landlord has actively communicated with tenants or lessees to offer forbearance."

Application deadline: <u>Due no later than February 1, 2021</u>, U.S. post mark will be accepted. Please review and complete application in its entirety and remember to attach all forms of proof that is being requested.

Application and proof can be mailed to Tax Collector, PO BOX 253 Ansonia, CT 06401 or dropped in the drop box which is located in the driveway between City Hall and Veterans' Memorial Park. <u>IMPORTANT: Last</u> <u>date and drop off time is February 1, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. Any submission thereafter WILL NOT be</u> <u>accepted.</u>

Email to <u>taxdeferral@ansoniact.org</u> This is a no-reply back email. Please contact the office at 203-736-5910 if further assistance is needed.

Fax to 203-736-5938.

Please Note: Real estate escrow accounts are not eligible for the Deferment Program.

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