

## **BOROUGH OF MILFORD**

### **RESOLUTION NO. RE2020-055**

#### **RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF MILFORD, COUNTY OF HUNTERDON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, INSTITUTING A GRACE PERIOD CONCLUDING ON JUNE 1, 2020, FOR THE PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER PROPERTY TAXES**

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of New Jersey issued Executive Order 103 on March 9, 2020, declaring a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, said Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency continue to exist; and

**WHEREAS**, property taxpayers may be suffering from financial hardships as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic including, but not limited to, loss or drop of income or unexpected expenses due to necessary health care; and

**WHEREAS**, under N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), a municipality may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020, for the second-quarter property taxes, as to the Borough of Milford's budget cycle; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 130 (2020) was issued on April 28, 2020, which authorized municipalities to establish a grace period extension no later than June 1, 2020, for payment of second-quarter property taxes, and any payment received after close of business on June 1, 2020, will be subject to interest and penalties from May 1, 2020, and that any provisions of N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.1(a) and N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a) inconsistent with Executive Order 130 (2020) were suspended for the duration of the Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Common Council to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period of June 1, 2020, for the payment of second-quarter property taxes, to help the property taxpayers of the Borough of Milford.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Milford Borough Common Council of the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Common Council does hereby institute a grace period of June 1, 2020, for the payment of second-quarter property taxes for properties in the Borough of Milford, and any payment received after close of business on June 1, 2020, will be subject to interest and penalties from May 1, 2020, in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 130 (2020).

2. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by the Municipal Clerk to the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs within three (3) business days of the adoption of this Resolution.
3. That a certified copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded to the Tax Collector and Chief Financial Officer.

This being submitted at the Council meeting held on May 4, 2020.

Council Vote	Motion	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Russell Heller			x			
Noralie LaFevre		x	x			
Robert Castagna			x			
Janice Armstrong			x			
Robert White	x		x			
Elisa Yager			x			

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Karen Dysart, Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Milford, County of Hunterdon, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution to be a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by the Milford Borough Common Council at the Council meeting held on May 4, 2020.

Karen Dysart, RMC  
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 Municipal Clerk

5/5/2020  
 Date of Certification