

## Town of Ellington COVID-19 Property Tax Relief Program

In response to the Governor's Executive Order which provides relief from certain municipal tax deadlines, the Board of Selectmen voted on April 13, 2020 to approve effective immediately a deferment of ninety (90) days of any taxes on real estate, personal property or motor vehicles, or municipal sewer use or sewer assessments from the time that it became due and payable.

### Tax Deferment Program

The grace periods have been extended as follows:

- April 1 Sewer Use is extended from May 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020
- June 1 Sewer Assessment is extended from July 1, 2020 to September 1, 2020
- July 1 Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicle taxes is extended from August 1, 2020 to October 1, 2020

#### Please note:

- Real estate accounts in escrow and paid by a bank are not eligible for this program
- No application is necessary for taxpayers including businesses unless they are classified as a landlord (see below)
- Following the 90 days, the portion that remains delinquent shall be subject to statutory interest rate of 1.5% per month from the original due date
- This program does not address taxes that are already past due. It is not an amnesty or waiver of interest or other charges on taxes that are already delinquent

### Landlord Eligibility Under the Deferment Program

- In order for landlords (or any taxpayer that rents or leases property to tenants or lessees) to be eligible for the Deferment Program, they must provide the Tax Collector with documentation that either the parcel will suffer significant income decline, or that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants. **Residential landlords** will need to mail or email the Tax Collector confirming that they are in compliance with Executive Order 7X or some other evidence of eligibility.
- Commensurate forbearance means (1) a deferral of 25% of rent for ninety (90) days after its due date; (2) a deferral of one month's rent to be paid over the ninety (90) day period; or (3) forbearance substantially similar to (1) or (2) as determined by the tax collector. The landlord must provide documentation evidencing proof that the tenants have received forbearance or that the landlord has actively offered forbearance to the tenants or lessees.

### Tax Deferment Application Form and Submission Process

[Click here for application.](#) It is also available at <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/IGPP-MAIN/IGPP-Home-Page> under the "News and Updates" Section.

**The application form and supporting documents must be received no later than July 1, 2020 by the Ellington Tax Office by mail or email.**

- Email: [taxcollector@ellington-ct.gov](mailto:taxcollector@ellington-ct.gov)
- Mail: PO Box 158, Ellington, CT 06029-0158

If you have any questions please contact the Ellington Tax office.