

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020-09

March 31, 2020

Extending the “Grace Period” of Fourth Quarter Property Tax Payments

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Honorable Gina M. Raimondo, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, issued Executive Order 20-02 declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton declared a municipal emergency on March 16, 2020 which was later ratified by the Tiverton Town Council; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused a health crisis and an economic crisis because of the closing of many businesses, widespread layoffs, and the loss of permanent employment for many individuals, including Tiverton residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tiverton fourth quarter property tax payment is due as of April 1st with a (10) ten day grace period for payment without penalty; and

WHEREAS, Rhode Island General Laws §§30-15-12(b) and 30-15-9(e)(1) permit the chief executive officer to suspend the provisions of any statute, regulation, or requirement prescribing the procedures for the conduct of town business, or the orders, rules, regulations of any town, board, or agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

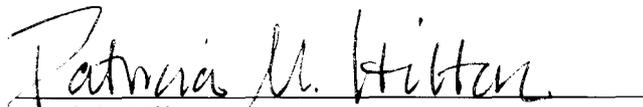
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patricia Hilton, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the President of the Tiverton Town Council, pursuant to the Rhode Island General Laws and the Home Rule Charter of the Town of Tiverton do hereby order and direct the following:

1. Payments of the 4th Quarter Tiverton Property Tax only shall be accepted without penalty or surcharge until May 10, 2020;
2. The Treasurer/Tax Collector shall take all necessary steps and promulgate any and all rules to effectuate the extension of the 4th Quarter Tax Payment grace period as set forth in paragraph 1;

3. All taxpayers are encouraged to pay their property tax bills via mail, on-line, or through a secure drop box located at Tiverton Town Hall.

This Order shall take effect immediately upon execution and remain in full force and effect through April 9, 2020, and with the consent of the Town Council, remain in effect, until May 10, 2020.

So Ordered:


Patricia Hilton

Title: Town Council President, Town of Tiverton

Date: