

#### Resolution 20 - 06

# A RESOLUTION DEFERRING THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES FOR THE 2020-2021 PROPERTY TAX YEAR.

**Sponsored By:** 

6th District Councilman Brian Hurst

**Proposed:** 

October 08, 2020

**Results:** 

**Passed** 

6 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Absent

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WHEREAS, the Town and the country have been suffering the physical, emotional and economic impact of the COVID-19 Virus since March of 2020; and

**WHEREAS,** Mayor and Council realize that many of the Towns residents are facing difficult financial times and may not be able to pay their 2020 - 2021 property taxes on time which would be by no later than September 30, 2020.; and

**WHEREAS,** those who are unable to pay their property taxes by September 30, 2020 would be assessed a 6% penalty on October 01, 2020 and an additional 1% on the first day of every month thereafter.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE, THE FOLLOWING:

That should a property owner not pay their 2020 - 2021 Property Taxes by September 30, 2020. The 6% penalty which would normally become due on September  $30^{th}$  will not be applied until January 01, 2021. Additionally, the 1% monthly penalty shall not be applied to the Property Tax until February 01, 2021.

This deferral of the penalties shall only be effective for the penalties associated with the non-payment of the taxes owed for the 2020 - 2021 property year and shall not affect any other outstanding bills, for taxes or other fines and fees owed to the Town prior to September 30, 2020.

RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELSMERE, THIS 8th DAY OF OCTOBER 2020.

Eric Thompson, Mayor

Brian Hurst Secretary

### SYNOPSIS Resolution 20-06

This resolution accomplishes the following:

- 1. It does not apply the 6% penalty for unpaid taxes until January of 2021. This is a 90-day grace period for the assessment of those tax penalty charges.
- 2. The 1% monthly penalty for unpaid taxes would not start until February of 2021.
- 3. It provides those who want to pay their taxes with a 90-day penalty free opportunity to do so.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

This Resolution does not change the current tax rate therefore it has no fiscal impact. It simply delays the Towns receipt of the unpaid tax penalties for 90 days.

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