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West Hartford Town Council Adopts Emergency Tax Relief

WEST HARTFORD, CT (April 7, 2020, 11:00AM) --The West Hartford Town Council unanimously adopted a resolution to offer temporary property tax relief to residents and taxpayers at a special meeting on Monday night.

The Town is one of the first communities in the state to adopt both of the new property tax relief programs made available by the State of Connecticut in response to the pandemic of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”).

“We do not want any resident or local business that is suffering financial hardship because of COVID-19 to worry about their upcoming property tax bill,” said Mayor Shari G. Cantor. “It was important for the Town Council to take quick, decisive action to help our taxpayers and businesses during these unprecedented times. I want to thank the Governor for his leadership in giving municipalities these tools.”

The resolution received unanimous, bipartisan support. “This is a time when we need our entire community to come together to support our residents and local businesses,” said Minority Leader Lee Gold.

On April 1, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont signed Executive Order 7S, which established the “Deferment Program” and the “Low Interest Rate Program.” Municipalities are required to enact one or both of the programs, which provide temporary tax forbearance of property tax collection and reduced interest on delinquent tax payments to property owners under certain conditions.

The Town Council adopted both programs. Further guidance will be available soon on eligibility for these programs.

“This is only the first step in what will be a long recovery. We want to do everything possible to help residents and local businesses,” said Mayor Cantor.

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