



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN

PRESS RELEASE

OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

DUE DATE FOR FOURTH QUARTER TAX PAYMENT EXTENDED IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

MAY 1, 2020: The Town of South Kingstown is monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, is following State and Federal guidance to help promote the health and safety of our community, and is implementing precautionary measures to reduce opportunities for COVID-19 transmission in South Kingstown.

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the State of Emergency declared by the Governor March 9th, 2020, the Declaration of Emergency by the Town Council March 15th, 2020, which was subsequently extended on April 13th, 2020, the Town Manager has issued an Executive order today regarding the Town of South Kingstown Fourth Quarter Tax Payment Due Date. The full Executive Order is attached to this Press Release for ease in reference. The Town is providing notice of the following:

During this difficult time, the Town Manager has determined that an extension to the local tax due date will be beneficial to the taxpayers and the local economy. Therefore, the Town Manager has authorized an extension of the Town of South Kingstown's fourth quarter tax payment due date from May 1st, 2020 to June 1st, 2020.

The 10 business day grace period offered for quarterly tax payments will now apply to extended fourth quarter due date. Therefore, penalties for tax payments received after the June 1st, 2020 due date will not be assessed until after the 10 business day grace period ends on June 15th, 2020.

As a reminder, tax payments can be paid by mail, online, over the phone, or placed in the drop box at Town Hall. For more information on how to make local tax payments, please visit the Tax Collector's page on the Town's website www.southkingstownri.com/161/Tax-Utility-Collection.

Guidance for Members of the Public: During this pandemic, all residents are strongly advised to minimize their risk through the use of social distancing. The Town and the Governor have ordered residents to please stay home, except for running essential errands such as going to the grocery store or pharmacy, and to remain home if you are sick (with any symptoms). Gatherings have been limited to no more than 5 people, and be advised that even when gathering in small numbers, social distancing guidance is to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other people. The Governor has ordered that cloth face masks which cover the mouth and nose are to be worn when at work and when in public, however be advised the wearing of cloth face masks does not eliminate or reduce the need to abide by social distancing requirements. Travelers to Rhode Island and some residents are required to self-quarantine for 14 days and per the Governor's Orders. Residents are strongly advised to stay up to date on the Federal, State, and local response to and guidance on, the evolving COVID-19 situation. Please visit the Town's COVID-19 webpage for up to date information and links to Federal, State, and local resources www.southkingstownri.com/998/COVID-19. Because of the evolving nature of this ongoing community health situation, the Town may implement additional mitigation measures with short notice, and the information provided here is subject to change. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. For additional updates from the Town, as well as information and resources related to COVID-19, we encourage residents to visit www.southkingstownri.com. Updates and information will also be shared via the Town's official Facebook page, www.facebook.com/southkingstownri. Questions can be referred to the Town Manager's Office at (401) 789-9331 x1201.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-08

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown declared a state of emergency through an emergency ordinance enacted on March 15, 2020 to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council delegated emergency authority to the Town Manager to take measures he deems necessary in order to protect public health and safety in response to the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting many residents and businesses in the Town of South Kingstown; and

WHEREAS, under RI General Laws §44-5-7(a)(1) the Town is permitted to make provision for the payment in installments of any tax levied under that provision; and

WHEREAS, the Town of South Kingstown has authorized the annual collection of property taxes in equal quarterly installments; and

WHEREAS, the Town Manager has determined that extending the due date for the fourth quarter payment of taxes will be beneficial to the taxpayers and the local economy.

NOW THEREFORE, the due date for the 4th quarter tax payment is extended from May 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020.



Robert C. Zarnetske, Town Manager

Date: May 1, 2020

Attest:



Susan M. Flynn, Town Clerk