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Gary Christenson, Mayor

CITY OF MALDEN

**EXECUTIVE ORDER ON COLLECTION OF TAXES, INTEREST, PENALTIES AND FEES
RELATIVE TO PAYMENTS DUE TO THE CITY OF MALDEN**

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-1

EFFECTIVE Tuesday, April 7, 2020

WHEREAS, the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) has been declared a Public Health Emergency of international concern by the World Health organization; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Charles Baker declared a State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19 and has determined that immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety or general welfare of people of the Commonwealth, which remains in effect; and,

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, as Mayor of the City of Malden, I declared a State of Emergency to exist in the City of Malden, which remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Governor Baker signed into law Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, which, among other provisions, permits me to take action as the City's Chief Executive Officer relative to extended statutory deadlines and the collection of taxes, and collection and calculation of interest, penalties and fees thereon; and

WHEREAS, in my discretion as the Mayor of the City of Malden, I have determined that implementing these actions aids, assists and promotes the general welfare of the residents and businesses of the City of Malden;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gary Christenson, hereby issue this Executive Order to effectuate the following measures:

1. The date for calculation of interest on unpaid real estate and personal property tax balances under MGL c. 59 §57 is hereby extended to June 1, 2020, meaning and intending to extend the deadline on which interest shall begin to calculate on outstanding and unpaid balances to June 1, 2020, as in accord with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 10;

2. The date for payments due pursuant to MGL c. 59 §57C, ¶¶7, 8, 10 and 11 shall be extended to June 1, 2020, meaning and intending to extend the deadlines for tax payments for real estate and personal property taxes to June 1, 2020, in accord with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 10;

3. The date to apply, for applicants who are eligible to apply, for statutory exemptions for certain property taxes shall be extended to June 1, 2020, meaning and intending that any residents and individuals who are qualified and eligible to apply for statutory exemptions for certain property taxes shall be allowed to apply through June 1, 2020, in accord with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 10;

4. For any payment of excise, tax, betterment assessment, water/sewer charges or other charge added to a tax bill, the payment of interest and other penalty due to late payment shall be waived on any payment with a due date on or after March 10, 2020, which payment was made after the respective due date, but is received by the City Treasurer before June 30, 2020; meaning and intending to extend a grace period through June 29th during which payment of bills are made and waive payment of interest and other penalties and fees associated with late payment after March 10th but received before June 30th, of any excise tax, betterment assessment, water/sewer charge, or other charge added to a tax bill for payments made after its respective due date but before June 30th; in accord with Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, Section 11;

And these measures shall be effective immediately on this date and shall remain in effect through the dates noted herein, unless further Executive Orders are otherwise issued modifying or extending the same.

ISSUED AT 10:00AM IN MALDEN ON THIS 7th day of APRIL, 2020:



GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden

DATED: April 7, 2020