

**RESOLUTION RE: SUSPENSION OF TAX DEADLINES AND
COLLECTION EFFORTS PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR LAMONT'S
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-7S**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut ("Governor") declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States ("President") declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor he has issued a series of Executive Orders setting for the law governing the conduct of the business of state and municipal government during the period of the emergency;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 7S ("EO 7S"), requiring municipalities, by a vote of its legislative body, participate in a "Deferment Program" or "Low Interest Rate Program"; and

WHEREAS, participation a deferment program by application is in the best interest of the Town of Stonington.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Stonington adopts as follows:

- 1) During the period of March 10, 2020, the date that Governor Lamont declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency, through and including July 1, 2020, the Town of Stonington shall participate in a deferment program and shall offer to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents a deferment by ninety (90) days of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, sewer and assessments ("Taxes") from the time such Taxes first became due and payable.
- 2) Eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents are those that attest to or document significant economic impact by COVID-19, and/ or those that document they are providing relief to those significantly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Town shall follow guidance as issued by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management as to which taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents shall be considered eligible for the deferment program.