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AGENDA No. 809

- I CALL TO ORDER
- II MOMENT OF SILENCE
- III PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV ROLL CALL
- **V **PUBLIC COMMENT
- VI NEW BUSINESS

DATE: April 21, 2020
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: *Via Videoconference

NOTICE is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull, Connecticut will hold a special meeting on April 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via *Videoconference for the following purpose:

*Join the Town Council Meeting online: Join the meeting online:
<https://zoom.us/j/91687665134?pwd=YktsT3JFR29lUExTYmlOd1g1RFVlUT09>
Webinar ID: 916 8766 5134
Password: 735745

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**Public comment can be sent via email to councilclerk@trumbull-ct.gov

NEW BUSINESS:

1. RESOLUTION TC28-68: To consider and act upon a resolution which would adopt a Tax Deferment Program in accordance with Executive Orders 7S and 7W.
2. RESOLUTION TC28-69: To consider and act upon a resolution which would adopt a Low Interest Rate Program in accordance with Executive Orders 7S and 7W.

VII ADJOURNMENT

COPY OF THE RESOLUTION ATTACHED HERETO
Mary Beth Thornton, Trumbull Town Council Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

1. RESOLUTION TC28-68: BE IT RESOLVED, That a Tax Deferment Program is hereby adopted in accordance with Executive Orders 7S and 7W. (*Full Resolution Attached*)
2. RESOLUTION TC28-69: BE IT RESOLVED, That a Low Interest Rate Program is hereby adopted in accordance with Executive Orders 7S and 7W. (*Full Resolution Attached*)

RESOLUTION TC28-68

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut (“Governor”) issued Executive Order No. 7S, paragraph 6 of which provides that “Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Chapter 204 of the Connecticut General Statutes or of any special act, charter, home-rule ordinance, local ordinance or other local law, there shall be established two programs to offer support to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents who have been economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Such programs shall be known as the "Deferment Program" and the "Low Interest Rate Program." Each municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, by determination of its local legislative body . . . shall participate in one or both programs and shall notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management no later than April 25, 2020, about which program or programs it is electing to participate in; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph a, provides that "municipalities participating in the Deferment Program 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, or municipal water, sewer and electric rates, charges or assessments for such tax, rate, charge, or assessment from the time that it became due and payable. 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 Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall issue guidance as to which taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents shall be considered eligible for the Deferment Program. . . .”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7W, paragraph 1, subparagraph b, amended the 90 day reference in Executive Order 7S to read three (3) months and further amended the reference to March 10 to read April 1; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph a, further provides that “participating municipalities may . . . extend eligibility for the deferment program to other categories of taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph d, provides that “financial institutions and mortgage servicers that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of a borrower shall continue to remit property taxes to the municipality, so long as the borrower remains current on their mortgage or is in a forbearance or deferment program, irrespective of the borrower's eligibility for or participation in the Deferment Program. . . .”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraphs a, c, and d of Executive Order 7S and paragraph 1, subparagraph b of Executive Order 7W, the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull hereby adopts a 3-month Tax Deferment Program for all taxpayers except those who pay through their mortgage lenders, said plan to be applicable for all real property, personal property or motor vehicle taxes, or municipal sewer use charges or sewer assessments payments due from April 1, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020, whether real property, personal property, motor vehicles, or sewer use and sewer assessment payments due; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, That any Landlord seeking to apply for this program must demonstrate a revenue loss due to COVID-19 and that said Landlord has extended a commensurate forbearance to its Tenants.

RESOLUTION TC28-69

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut (“Governor”) issued Executive Order No. 7S, paragraph 6 of which provides that “Notwithstanding any contrary provisions of Chapter 204 of the Connecticut General Statutes or of any special act, charter, home-rule ordinance, local ordinance or other local law, there shall be established two programs to offer support to eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits, and residents who have been economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Such programs shall be known as the "Deferment Program" and the "Low Interest Rate Program." Each municipality, as defined in section 7-148 of the general statutes, by determination of its local legislative body . . . shall participate in one or both programs and shall notify the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management no later than April 25, 2020, about which program or programs it is electing to participate in; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph b, provides that " for municipalities participating in the Low Interest Rate Program, notwithstanding Section 12-146 of the General Statutes, (i) the delinquent portion of the principal of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or municipal water, sewer and electric charges or assessments or part thereof shall be subject to interest at the rate of three (3) per cent per annum for ninety days from the time when it became due and payable until the same is paid, for any such tax, rate, charge, or assessment due and payable from March 10 through and including July 1, 2020, , , . Following the ninety days, the portion that remains delinquent shall be subject to interest and penalties as previously established; and (ii) any portion of the principal of any taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or municipal water, sewer and electric rates, charges or assessments or part thereof that had been delinquent on or prior to March 10, shall be subject to interest at the rate of three (3) per cent per annum for ninety days from this Order, . . . Following the ninety (90) days, the portion that remains delinquent shall be subject to interest and penalties as previously established.”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7W, paragraph 1, subparagraph b, amended the 90 day reference in Executive Order 7S to read three (3) months and further amended the reference to March 10 to read April 1; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph c, provides that “any taxpayer that rents or leases to any commercial, residential, or institutional tenant or lessee shall only be eligible for the Low Interest Rate Program if said landlord offers commensurate forbearance to tenants or lessees, upon their request.”; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 7S, paragraph 6, subparagraph d, provides that “financial institutions and mortgage servicers that hold property tax payments in escrow on behalf of a borrower shall continue to remit property taxes to the municipality, so long as the borrower remains current on their mortgage or is in a forbearance or deferment program, irrespective of the borrower's eligibility for or participation in the . . . Low Interest Rate Program.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraphs b, c and d of Executive Order 7S and paragraph 1, subparagraph b of Executive Order 7W, the Town Council of the Town of Trumbull hereby adopts a 3-month Low Interest Rate Program for all real property, personal property or motor vehicle taxes, or municipal sewer use charges or sewer assessments payments due from April 1, 2020 through and including July 1, 2020; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the interest charged on late payments in accordance with said Executive Order 7S is hereby set at three (3%) percent per annum as provided for in said Executive Order 7S.