

No. 10-20-OR

AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extending the County real estate tax discount deadline from March 31, 2020 to April 30, 2020, and the gross/face period deadline from April 30, 2020 to May 31, 2020.

Whereas, the spread of the coronavirus designated COVID-19 has reached global pandemic proportions, and has resulted in the spread of illness, self-quarantining by individuals who believe they may be experiencing symptoms, and declarations of emergencies by the United States, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Allegheny County; and

Whereas, efforts to mitigate the spread of this disease have included limiting crowd sizes, emphasizing social distancing procedures, and limiting the hours of operation for or closing businesses deemed nonessential; and

Whereas, the spread of the virus and the mitigation efforts have both had logistical and economic impacts upon the residents of the County, particularly those employed in the service sector; and

Whereas, it is the judgment of Council that the extension of the discount period for payment of County real estate taxes will inure to the benefit of the health, safety and well-being of the County's residents, as they attempt to cope with the virus itself and the measures taken to mitigate its spread;

The Council of the County of Allegheny hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1.

A discount of two percent 2% shall be awarded for real property tax paid during the period from January 1, 2020 up to and including April 30, 2020.

Section 2.

The face/gross tax period shall therefore be May 1, 2020 up to and including May 31, 2020. Beginning on June 1, 2020, all unpaid real property taxes shall be deemed delinquent and the established penalty and interest shall apply.

Section 3.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon final approval.

SECTION 4 ***If any provision of this Ordinance shall be determined to be unlawful, invalid, void or unenforceable, then that provision shall be considered severable from the remaining provisions of this Ordinance which shall be in full force and effect.***

SECTION 5 *Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.*

PRIMARY SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER DeMARCO

CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL MEMBERS PRIZIO, BENNETT, HALLAM, ZAVARELLA, PALMOSINA, KLEIN, KIRK, DUERR, PALMIERE, FUTULES, BAKER and WALTON, VICE PRESIDENT MACEY, PRESIDENT CATENA, and TREASURER WEINSTEIN

Enacted in Council, this 20th day of March, 2020,
Council Agenda No. 11459-20.




Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: 
Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office March 25th, 2020.

Approved: 
Rich Fitzgerald
Chief Executive

Attest: 
Jennifer M. Liptak