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AN ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, extending the County real estate tax discount deadline from March 31, 2022 to April 30, 2022, and the gross/face period deadline from April 30, 2022 to May 31, 2022.

Whereas, while the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be beginning to abate after almost two full years, its negative effects continue to be felt by the residents of Allegheny County; and

Whereas, efforts to mitigate the spread of this disease over the past two years have included limiting crowd sizes, emphasizing social distancing procedures, and limiting the functions of many businesses; and

Whereas, many residents have also become more cautious about purchasing goods in person, attending public events, and the like, even in the absence of (or more stringently than) formalized recommendations or restrictions from federal, state, or local government entities; and

Whereas, the cumulative effects of these actions have been deleterious to the residents of the County - particularly those employed in the service sector - both logistically and economically; 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 continue their recovery from the economic effects of the pandemic;

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, 2022 up to and including April 30, 2022.

Section 2.

The face/gross tax period shall therefore be May 1, 2022 up to and including May 31, 2022. Beginning on June 1, 2022, 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SECTION 5 ***Any Resolution or Ordinance or part thereof conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance is hereby repealed so far as the same affects this Ordinance.***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 SPONSORS: PRESIDENT CATENA

CO-SPONSORS: COUNCIL MEMBERS BETKOWSKI, PRIZIO, HALLAM and NACCARATI-CHAPKIS

Enacted in Council, this _____ day of _____, 2022,

Council Agenda No. _____.

Patrick Catena
President of Council

Attest: _____
Jared Barker
Chief Clerk of Council

Chief Executive Office _____.

Approved: _____
Rich Fitzgerald
Chief Executive

Attest: _____
Sonya Dietz