

City of Winchester
COUNCIL ACTION MEMO



Resolution **Ordinance** **Discussion**

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
From: Mary Blowe, Chief Financial Officer
Subject: A Resolution to Direct the City Treasurer and Commissioner of the Revenue to Not Impose Penalties and Interest Upon Certain Local Taxes During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Meeting: City Council Special Meeting - Mar 17 2020

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Goal IV: Improve City services and advance the strategic plan goals by promoting a culture of transparency, efficiency, and innovation

BUDGET IMPACT:

This Resolution will result in a delay in the collection of certain taxes, but will not result in a significant budgetary impact.

OPTIONS:

Council may approve, modify, or reject the proposed Resolution.

REVIEW:

Mary Blowe, Chief Financial Officer
Melisa Michelsen, City Attorney
Mary Price, Interim City Manager

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THE COMMON COUNCIL

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I, Kerri A. Mellott, Deputy Clerk of the Common Council, hereby certify on this day of that the following Resolution is a true and exact copy of one and the same adopted by the Common Council of the City of Winchester, assembled in regular session on the day of .

A RESOLUTION TO DIRECT THE CITY TREASURER AND COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE TO NOT IMPOSE PENALTIES AND INTEREST UPON CERTAIN LOCAL TAXES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the City Manager has declared a local emergency during the current COVID-19 pandemic (the "Emergency"); and,

WHEREAS, widespread closures, social distancing, and recommendations to avoid public gatherings have created excess burdens upon the businesses of the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to provide additional time for businesses to pay certain taxes without penalty, interest, and collection activities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Winchester, Virginia hereby directs the City Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue to not impose penalties and interest upon the late filing or late payment of meals taxes, transient occupancy taxes, and admissions taxes from the date of the adoption of this Resolution through May 31, 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council strongly recommends that the City Treasurer not undertake collection actions upon any business that fails to pay any of the taxes subject to the relief described herein, from the date of the adoption of this Resolution through May 31, 2020; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby directs the Clerk of the Council to provide a copy of this Resolution to the City Treasurer and the Commissioner of the Revenue upon its adoption.

Resolution No. R-2020-13

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Winchester on this day of .

Witness my hand and the seal of the City of Winchester, Virginia.

Kerri A. Mellott
Deputy Clerk of the Common Council