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TOWN OF GUILFORD
EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING
TOWN CODE SECTION 247-23 et. Seq.
ELDERLY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and a 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 17, 2020, the First Selectman of the Town of Guilford, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22, declared a state of emergency for the Town of Guilford, due to the significant danger to public health posed by the spread of COVID-19 and shortages of supplies and equipment necessary to protect the public health and safety, and the spread of COVID-19 to residents of the Town of Guilford as a result of the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the significant adverse impact on public health of COVID-19, and the acceleration of the spread of the disease, the First Selectman, has decided to take further action for the purpose of protecting the elderly population of the Town who participate in the elderly tax relief program set forth in Section 247-23 et.seq., from unnecessary risk of public contact in the application procedures currently required by the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, pursuant to the powers and duties granted by Connecticut General Statutes sections 28-8a, Section 3-2 of the Town Charter and Section 27-3 of the Town Code, effective on Wednesday, April 1, 2020, the following modifications to the elderly tax relief program set forth in Section 247-23 et.seq. (the “Tax Freeze Program”). are hereby made:

1. The application date for the Tax Freeze Program is extended until August 15, 2020;
2. All current participants in the Tax Freeze Program are grandfathered in for purposes of the issuance of tax bills due July 1, 2020;
3. All grandfathered participants are still required to file applications with all associated documents by August 15, 2020;
4. Failure to file by the extension date will result in a loss of the freeze status; and
5. Any grandfathered participants who no longer meet the qualification criteria will have their tax bills adjusted to reflect the appropriate tax rate and will have a grace period, to be determined, to pay the new tax balance due.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this order will be made publicly available for inspection and review in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Guilford and shall be posted on the Town of Guilford website.
Dated: 4/1/2020

Matthew T. Hoey, III
First Selectman