



TOWN OF STRATFORD  
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**STRATFORD TOWN COUNCIL PASSES TAX DEFERMENT FOR LOCAL TAXPAYERS  
IMPACTED BY COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

STRATFORD – During a meeting held remotely last evening the Stratford Town Council voted unanimously to approve participation in a Tax Deferment Program set forth by Governor Ned Lamont’s Executive Order 7S, which allows eligible taxpayers, businesses, nonprofits and residents a 90-day deferment of any taxes on real property, personal property, motor vehicles, and municipal sewer charges and assessments from the day they are due.

Those eligible for the deferment will need to document and attest to significant economic impact due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and the Town will follow the guidance of the State’s Office of Policy and Management as to the criteria for eligibility.

“I am grateful that the Town Council voted to participate in this deferment program which will offer relief to our residents and taxpayers who have been adversely impacted financially by this public health emergency,” said **Mayor Laura R. Hoydick**, who encouraged the Council to enlist the Town in the program during their meeting last evening. “The impact of this crisis on health and our healthcare system is enormous, but the financial impact it is having on residents is also significant. We need to do what we can to help those who face financial difficulties and uncertainty as this crisis continues. This is an important measure in that effort.”

"Passing this tax deferment program helps the very people who elected us to lead them and at the same time, continues to allow the Town of Stratford to operate," said **Council Chairman Christopher Pia**. "Our affected residents and businesses already have enough to worry about in these incredibly unique and difficult times. I am glad the council worked together to get this done."

The measure passed the Council by a vote of 10-0 with all Council members present and in favor.

The form can be accessed at the State Office of Policy and Management here:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/IGPP-Data-Grants-Mgmt/COVID19-IGPP-Documents/Municipal-Tax-Relief-Deferral-Form-M-COVID19.pdf?la=en>

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