

NOTICE RE: MEETING ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS

ADDENDUM TO THE
AGENDA OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, April 14, 2020
6:30 p.m.

THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD REMOTELY
ONLY ON APRIL 14, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.

This meeting will be accessed through:

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You Tube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdWP80nNWc1nyrtewoqYRpQ>

Please wait for Chairman Cervoni to instruct the attendees as to how the meeting will be conducted.

Vincent Cervoni, Chairman
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MEMORANDUM

TO: William W. Dickinson, Jr., Mayor
Members of the Wallingford Town Council

CC: Public Utilities Commission
James M. Bowes, Comptroller
Richard A. Hendershot, Director, Department of Public Utilities

FROM: Janis M. Small, Corporation Counsel

RE: Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7W, Section 1b.

DATE: April 13, 2020

Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7W modifies EO 7S, Section 6 as follows:

1. Instead of "90 days", the time period will be 3 months.
2. Instead of beginning on March 10th, the program begins with due dates beginning April 1, 2020.
3. I have also received clarification from OPM that the 3 months begins with the due date for each charge (as opposed to the first day of delinquency).



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Janis Small, Corporate Counsel

FROM: James Bowes, Comptroller 

DATE: April 9, 2020

RE: Governor's Executive Order (E.O.) 7S, Section 6

I recommend the Town adopt and implement the Deferment Program option of E.O. 7S, Section 6 for the following reasons:

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1. It provides immediate relief, which many citizens can use during this pandemic.
 2. It applies to a greater amount of tax and utility accounts.
 3. Tax and rate payers have a choice to participate if they've been adversely affected financially by COVID-19.
 4. This shifts revenue to later payment dates without significantly reducing income to the Town. A loss of significant revenue may lead to potentially increasing the tax rate currently proposed for the fiscal 2020/2021 budget.
 5. Although there are operational issues, this method is much easier to implement.

I do not recommend the Lower Interest Program due to:

1. This program is going to be very difficult to implement and may require system changes, if possible at all. If not possible manual attempts to apply this program may take weeks, maybe longer. I think it is important to offer relief immediately, as the Deferment Program does.
2. Different interest rates for different periods on the same bill will create confusion among staff and citizens alike. I do not wish to add any more angst to our Tax and rate payers if erroneous billings are sent to them.
3. The loss of income to the Town as previously stated, may lead to higher tax and/or utility rates for those who pay timely.

Call me with any questions.