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County Property Tax Late Penalty Relief

New York State and Westchester County have collaborated to offer a hardship-based program for eligible property owners unable to remit payment for County taxes due by April 30, 2020. This program has been approved and is now in effect.

In addition, Westchester County Executive Latimer may authorize next week a similar late penalty reduction program not tied to hardship criteria. If signed into law, the Village will make this benefit available, as well.

Both programs are described below.

Hardship-Based Late Penalty Waiver Program – Now Available

The program was authorized by Governor Cuomo's [Executive Order #202.22](#).

The program waives all late fees for *eligible* taxpayers, including owners of single-family homes, owners of multi-family buildings of six or fewer units, and businesses, provided the taxpayer:

1. Meets the established hardship criteria; AND
2. Completes and submits, under penalty of perjury, the required Certification Form; AND
3. Remits full payment on or before July 15, 2020, accompanied by the necessary Hardship Certification Form – the completed form *must* accompany the payment.

The hardship criteria are included on each Certification Form, available by clicking below:

[Single-Family Home Hardship Certification](#)

[Business Hardship Certification](#)

[Multi-Family Property Hardship Certification](#) (Six or Fewer Units)

The requisite forms are also available from the Village's [Property Tax Information](#) web page, (<https://bit.ly/3aBLaYG>).

Reduced Late Penalty Program – County Approval Pending

Please also note that the Westchester County Board of Legislators has approved complementary legislation, but the legislation will not become law until it has been signed by County Executive Latimer.

Assuming that County Executive Latimer signs the legislation into law, as is anticipated this coming week, all taxpayers – regardless of hardship status – will automatically receive a *reduced penalty* for remitting County taxes late, as reflected in the proposed amended penalty schedule:

- If paid prior to June 01: One-half percent penalty
- If paid from June 01 through July 15: 1% penalty
- If paid from July 16 through July 31: 5% penalty
- If paid during the months of August and September: 7% penalty

NOTE: The Reduced Late Penalty Program will only be implemented if County Executive Latimer signs the authorizing legislation into law, which may occur next week. Once signed into law, the Village is prepared to immediately implement the provisions, making the benefit available to Scarsdale taxpayers.

Summary

Property owners with any questions about either program may call the Village Treasurer's Office at 914-722-1170, or email treasurer@scarsdale.com.

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