TOWN OF KINGSTON

Important Information Regarding Your Tax Bill

Under “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19,” Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the Town has adopted a local option to extend the due dates for applications for exemptions. See Below.

The due date for applications for property tax exemptions has been extended to June 1, 2020. June 1, 2020 is a new due date even if the due date for applications on your previously mailed tax bill is April 1, 2020.

This extension applies to applications for the exemptions listed in the third paragraph of G.L. c. 59, §59, including exemptions the Town has adopted, which may include clauses 17, 17C, 17C 1/2 and 17D (seniors, surviving spouses, minor children of deceased parent); 18 (financial hardship – activated military, age and infirmity); 22, 22A, 22a, 22B, 22C, 22c, 22D, 22d, 22E, 22F and 22H (veterans, surviving spouses and surviving parents); 37 and 37A (blind persons); 41, 41B, 41C and 41C ½ (seniors); 41 and 43 (surviving spouses and minor children of firefighter/police officer killed in line of duty); 52 (certain eligible seniors); 53 (certain eligible properties with septic systems); 56 (National Guard and reservists on active duty in foreign countries); and 57 (local option tax rebates). This extension also automatically applies to applications for residential exemptions under G.L. c. 59, §5C, for small commercial exemptions under G.L. c.59, §5I and for deferrals under G.L. c.59, §5 clauses 41A (seniors) and 18A (poverty or financial hardship due to change to active military).

NOTE: If the municipal offices are closed on the June 1, 2020 extended due date for filing of exemption applications as a result of the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus or the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the governor on March 10, 2020 the due dates for applications for exemptions are not extended – they will be due on June 1, 2020 even if the municipal offices are closed. (See section 10(b) of the Act.)

Applications for exemptions and deferrals must be made by mailing same to the attention of the Assessor’s Office, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA 02364. Any questions should be directed to 781-585-0509. For further information, please visit kingstonmass.org