

JANUARY 2021 TAX DEFERMENT

In response to the COVID 19 epidemic, the Pomfret Board of Selectman voted to extend the grace period for payment of the January 2021 property tax installment until April 1, 2021 for eligible taxpayers. Instead of having to pay by February 1 without interest, taxpayers will have until April 1, 2021 to pay without interest.

Taxpayers whose taxes are escrowed and paid by a mortgage institution or bank **are not eligible** for the extended grace period, and those taxes are payable by February 1, 2021. Please keep in mind if your January installment is paid after April 1, 2021 it will be subject to interest at the rate of 1-1/2% per month from the due date of January 1, 2021.

If you are **not a landlord**, or if your taxes are not escrowed, you automatically qualify for the extended grace period.

Landlord Eligibility under the Deferment Program:

In order for landlords (or any taxpayer that rents or leases property to tenants or lessees) to be eligible for the Deferment Program, they must provide the Tax Collector with documentation that either the parcel will suffer significant income decline, or, that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants.

Residential landlords would need to mail or email a letter to the Tax Collector confirming that they are in compliance with Executive Order 9R.

Please send emails to: pam.gaumond@pomfretct.gov.

Commercial landlords would need to submit documentation with their application proving the property has or will suffer a significant revenue decline or will need to submit documentation proving that commensurate forbearance has been offered to their tenants or lessee.

Commensurate forbearance, for purposes of this program, means either (1) a deferral of 25% of rent for ninety (90) days after its due date; (2) a deferral of one month's rent to be paid over the ninety (90) day period; or (3) forbearance substantially similar to (1) or (2) as determined by the tax collector. The landlord must provide documentation evidencing proof that tenants have received forbearance or that the landlord has actively offered forbearance to the tenants or lessees.

Below is a link to the deferral application form. The State of Connecticut requires you to fill out this application and return it to the Tax Collector by February 1, 2021.

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/OPM/IGPP-Data-Grants-Mgmt/COVID19-IGPP-Documents/COVID-19-Deferral-Form-Revision-FillableJanuary.pdf>