

**WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
DAUPHIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

RESOLUTION 2020- 43

A RESOLUTION OF WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP ADOPTING A REAL ESTATE TAX DEFERMENT OF INTEREST AND PENALTIES ASSOCIATED WITH REAL ESTATE TAXES LEVIED AND DUE UPON TAX PARCELS WITHIN WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP PURSUANT TO THE SECOND CLASS TOWNSHIP CODE, THE LOCAL TAX ENABLING ACT, 52 P.S. § 6924.101, ET SEQ., AND THE GENERAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, 53 Pa.C.S.A. § 8573

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, pursuant to Section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7101, *et seq.*, Governor Tom Wolf issued a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, proclaiming the existence of a disaster emergency across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as a result of the spread of coronavirus or COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has ordered by and through such Proclamation the closure of all schools and non-essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has further urged all governing bodies and executive officers of all political subdivisions affected by this emergency to act as necessary to meet the current exigencies as legally authorized under this Proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the Dauphin County (the "County") Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2020-10, a resolution for real estate tax deferral of interest and penalties for Dauphin County Real Estate Taxes, which applies prospectively to the 2020 Real Estate Tax Notice for Dauphin County; and

WHEREAS, the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors recognizes that in this time of mandatory business closures wherein many constituents, residents, and taxpayers in the Township are without their livelihoods, it is incumbent upon the Township to assist those who have been economically displaced by this disaster; and

WHEREAS, nothing herein shall be construed as to affect or modify any existing tax levied upon real estate within the Township, nor shall it be intended to affect the existence of any past due taxes, penalties, or interest thereon for real estate taxes owing prior to the date of this Resolution. ***This Resolution is prospective only and applies to the 2020 Real Estate Tax Notice for the Township only***; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution **does not and cannot** affect the tax remittance period for the County, nor does it change the tax remittance period for any school district, library, or fire protection for the Township or County. It effectuates change *only* as to the remittance period of the Township real estate taxes due during the Annual Bill Type periods.

NOW, THEREFORE, the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors hereby directs that the Township Tax Collector and Treasurer shall waive any and all calculations of interest or penalties thereon for the late payment of Township real estate taxes that are paid in full by December 31, 2020.

FURTHER, the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors does not direct any change to any current Township Tax Payment Schedules for Interim Bill Types. Those payment periods shall remain as previously set by resolution, ordinance, statute, or such other lawful agency regulations or code.

FURTHER, the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors authorizes and directs the appropriate Township Officials to take such actions as are necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

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SEVERABILITY – In the event any provision, section, sentence, clause, or part of this Resolution shall be held to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any remaining provisions, sections, sentences, clauses, or parts of this Resolution, it being the intent of the Board of Supervisors that the remainder of the Resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

AUTOMATIC SUNSET – This Resolution and the performance of any part hereof shall automatically sunset on January 1, 2021.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTED by the West Hanover Township Board of Supervisors this 20TH day of April 2020.

ATTEST:

WEST HANOVER TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Daniel Rosario
Township Manager



Stacey Connors
Chairwoman

Seal



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