

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
COUNTY OF BERGEN, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 20-206

**EXTENSION OF GRACE PERIOD FOR THE
PAYMENT OF SECOND-QUARTER REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 54:4-67(a) provides that the governing body of a municipality may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, unless otherwise provided by law, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became payable; and

WHEREAS, *N.J.S.A.* 54:4-67(a) provides that in the case of a municipality that has experienced a flood, hurricane, superstorm, tornado, or other natural disaster, interest shall not be charged by the municipality to a delinquent taxpayer if a state of emergency has been declared as a result thereof by the Governor less than 30 days prior to the date upon which a property tax installment payment is payable; however, no provision for such an extension of the ten day grace period is provided for therein for a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New Jersey signed Executive Order No. 130 on April 28, 2020 to address the Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency previously declared by the Governor under Executive Order No. 103 (2020) created by COVID-19 on the ability of taxpayers to pay their second-quarter real estate taxes within the statutorily permitted ten day grace period from May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 130 provides that any governing body of a municipality with a calendar year budget cycle may adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Washington, recognizing the unprecedented situation created by COVID-19 and its negative impact on residents to pay their second-quarter taxes, and having taken notice of the authorization provided by Executive Order No. 130, wishes to adopt an extended grace period for the payment of second-quarter property taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Washington, County of Bergen, New Jersey that, pursuant to the authorization of Executive Order No. 130, there is hereby established a grace period concluding on June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes scheduled for May 1, 2020;

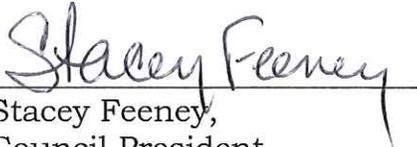
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the Township's adoption of this resolution instituting an extended grace period not later than the third business day next following the Township Council's adoption of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution is effective immediately.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:
TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON


Susan Witkowski,
Township Clerk

BY 
Stacey Feeney,
Council President

DATED: April 29, 2020

MOTION	SECOND	COUNCIL	AYES	NAYES	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Cascio	Cascio	Cascio	X			
Cumming	Cumming	Cumming	X			
DeSena	DeSena	X DeSena	X			
Feeney	Feeney	Feeney	X			
Morgan	X Morgan	Morgan	X			