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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Re: 2021 PROPERTY TAX DEFERMENT LAW UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED!**

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**Commissioner of Finance Michele Madigan received unanimous approval for the 2021 Tax Deferral Law presented at the February 16, 2021 City Council Meeting.**

The first law of the new year allows for the extension of tax payment deadlines during the COVID-19 Emergency, pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Article 19-A.

As in past years, taxpayers have the option to pay their property tax bill in four installments. This year, due to the burdensome economic challenges many face, as a result of the Covid Pandemic, the City Council has decided to allow a 60-day extension to the due dates for the first three tax payment installments.

The first tax installment payment is now due on **May 1, 2021**. The second installment payment is due no later than **August 1, 2021** and the third installment's due date is **November 1, 2021**. In effort to keep tax payments within the calendar year, there is no extension for the fourth installment. The final tax installment payment is due on **December 1, 2021**. Late payments will still incur a penalty of 9% and every month thereafter, an additional penalty of 1.5% until it caps at 15%.

**Property taxes paid in full by March 1, 2021 will continue to receive a 2.25% discount.**

For health and safety reasons, City Hall's Finance Department remains closed. **However, a new contact-free, locked, drop box has been installed in the foyer of the City Court's City Hall entrance at 474 Broadway.** The dropbox is accessible to the public Monday-Friday, from 8:30a.m. to 4:00p.m. Tax payments may also be made online at the City's website, [www.saratoga-springs.org](http://www.saratoga-springs.org) or by mail, Attention: Finance Department, 474 Broadway, Suite 15, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. For an additional convenience, while the Finance Dept. is closed to the public, branches of the Adirondack Trust Bank will accept tax payments as well.



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“The Covid-19 health crisis caused a national, state and local economic crisis which has resulted in many of our citizens having to deal with great financial hardship. Extending the 2021 property tax payment deadlines is one small way we can help our City’s taxpayers whether these difficult times,” stated Commissioner Madigan.

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