

Dear Neighbor:

Last night the Municipal Council adopted a resolution I presented granting a measure of relief to taxpayers unable to meet the burden of making real estate tax payments during this unprecedented health crisis. The quarterly tax payment due on May 1, 2020 remains due on that date and the grace period remains as fixed by law until May 11, 2020. The Governor and Legislature failed to give relief from these measures. The resolution adopted last night reduces the interest rate on delinquent taxes to .000001%, effectively zero, from May 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020. Beginning July 1, 2020, interest returns to its regular statutory rate of 8% on the first \$1,500 and 18% on any amount over \$1,500. In all events, interest runs from due date to the date it is paid. **So long as you make your second quarter tax payment by June 30, 2020, you will not be charged interest.** We are committed to helping our residents and local businesses to the extent we are able during these trying times. I call on you to do the same. If you can afford to pay your taxes, please do so. If you are struggling, then please avail yourself of the relief offered. Let's keep working together as we always do in Hawthorne to get through this difficult time as a community.

Richard S. Goldberg, Mayor

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