



CITY OF RACINE MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

INSTALLMENT PAYMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES DUE MARCH 31, 2020

March 20, 2020

Whereas, on March 18, 2020, I proclaimed a public health emergency to exist in the City of Racine as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

Whereas, COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the southeastern Wisconsin region, necessitating updated and more stringent guidance from federal, state, and local public health officials; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Statutes chapter 74 sets forth state law regarding the payment of taxes on real property and improvements on leased land and special assessments; and

Whereas, Wisconsin Statutes sections 74.11 and 74.12 empowers Wisconsin municipalities to authorize the payment of taxes on real property and improvements on leased land or special assessments or both those taxes and assessments in three or more installments, provided that the first installment must be paid on or before January 31 of the year payable and at least 50 percent of the obligation to which the installment option pertains must be paid on or before April 30 of the year payable; and

Whereas, pursuant to Racine Ordinance section 90-26, all taxes upon real estate in the City of Racine of \$100.00 or more may be paid in four equal installments, each of which are successively due and payable on or before January 31, March 31, May 31, and July 31; and

Whereas, the extant public health emergency has created financial difficulties for many City of Racine residents; and

Whereas, a vital mission of the City of Racine is to provide essential services to the residents in the City of Racine, including the orderly conduct of the Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary on April 7, 2020, and

Whereas, the collection of property taxes during this period is particularly difficult for the City of Racine Finance Department and City Clerk's Office; and

Now therefore, in accordance with the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Racine by Wisconsin Statutes sections 62.09(8)(a), 323.11, and 323.14(4), and by Racine Ordinance section 34-1, I do declare, proclaim, and order as follows:

The due date for all installment payments for property taxes in the City of Racine between the date of this order and March 31, 2020, is extended to April 30, 2020.

The City of Racine Finance Director and City Clerk are authorized and directed to undertake any necessary actions to carry this order into effect.

Dated at Racine, Wisconsin, this 20th day of March, 2020.



Cory Mason
Mayor