



WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT

JAMES S. MARPE
First Selectman

EXECUTIVE ORDER #4

ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR FILING TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER TOWN'S ORDINANCE PROVIDING TAX RELIEF FOR SENIOR CITIZENS OR PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS, AND SUSPENDING IN-PERSON APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, I declared a Local Civil Preparedness Emergency under Section 26-53 of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport due to the recent pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); confirmed infections in Westport; shortages of supplies needed to address and prevent the disease; and national, state and local public health officials' recommendations to limit meeting in large groups and practice social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 54, Article II, Division 2 of Westport's Code of Ordinances provides for tax relief for senior citizens or permanently and totally disabled persons; and

WHEREAS, Section 54-68 of that Chapter requires that applications for abatement be filed with the Assessor no later than May 15 of the application year, but that if an extension of time to file a federal tax return has been obtained by May 15, then the federal tax return does not need to be received by the Assessor until June 1 of the application year; and

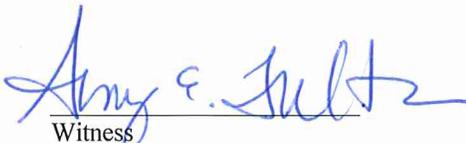
WHEREAS, the United States Internal Revenue Service has extended the deadline for filing 2019 federal tax returns to July 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with Mark Cooper, Executive Director of the Westport-Weston Health District; Chief Foti Koskinas of the Westport Police Department; and Chief Rob Yost of the Westport Fire Department and the Director of Emergency Management, I have determined that the actions being taken by this Executive Order #4 are necessary to mitigate the local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James S. Marpe, First Selectman of the Town of Westport, under the authority of Section 26 of Article III of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Westport and Connecticut General Statutes § 28-8a, do hereby **DECLARE AND ORDER THAT**, effective at 12 PM EST today April 29, 2020:

1. The 2020 deadline for filing applications for tax abatement benefits, and for filing 2019 federal and state tax returns and all other documents required by such application, under section 54-68(a) of Chapter 54, Article II, Division 2 of Westport's Code of Ordinances, "Tax Relief for Senior Citizens or Permanently and Totally Disabled Persons" (the "Ordinance"), is hereby extended to July 20, 2020.
2. The July 31, 2020 deadline for filing applications for tax deferral benefits under section 54-68(b) of the Ordinance is unchanged.
3. The requirement of section 54-67(2) of the Ordinance, that tax abatement and tax deferral applications be filed in person, is suspended.

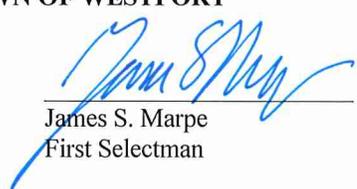
These actions shall remain in effect until further notice.


Witness

Date: April 29, 2020
Local Time: 8:00 am

TOWN OF WESTPORT

BY:


James S. Marpe
First Selectman