Under “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19,” Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the town/city has adopted local options to extend due dates for real and personal property tax payments and applications for exemptions and a waiver of interest on certain municipal tax and other bills paid by June 30, 2020. See below.

1. **The due date of your real and personal property tax bill has been extended to June 1, 2020.** June 1, 2020 is the new due date even if the due date for payment on your enclosed or previously mailed tax bill is April 1, 2020 or May 1, 2020.

2. **The due date for applications for property tax exemptions has also been extended to June 1, 2020.** June 1, 2020 is the new due date even if the due date for applications on your enclosed or previously mailed tax bill is April 1, 2020. This extension applies to applications for the exemptions listed in the third paragraph of G.L. c. 59, § 59, including exemptions under clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2 and 17D; 18; 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 22F and 22H; 37 and 37A; 41, 41B, 41C and 41C1/2; 42 and 43; 52; 53; 56; and 57. This extension also automatically applies to applications for residential exemptions under G.L. c. 59, § 5C, for small commercial exemptions under G.L. c. 59, § 5I and for deferrals under G.L. c. 59, § 5, clauses 41A and 18A.

3. The town/city has also voted to waive interest and other penalty for late payment of any excise and tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made late but before June 30, 2020. This applies to late payments of bills that have a due date of March 10, 2020 or after, when such bills are paid late but paid on or before June 30. This waiver of interest does not apply to bills with due dates before March 10, 2020 or if the bill is not paid by June 30.

**NOTE - If the municipal offices are closed on the June 1, 2020 extended due date for tax payments or filing of exemption applications as a result of the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus or the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the governor on March 10, 2020, the due dates for tax payments and applications for exemptions are not extended – they will be due on June 1, 2020 even if the municipal offices are closed.** (See section 10(b) of the Act.)

**Tax Payments can be made payable to Town of Rochester**
- ONLINE BILL PAY: townofrochestermass.com
- LOCKBOX: located at Town Hall at the bottom left side of the front stairs. Checks only please.

CASH PAYMENTS are being discouraged at this time due to COVID-19, but if you must pay by cash, you must call ahead and make an appointment with the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871 ext. 16.

Please include either the bottom portion of the bill, or bill number, with your payment and include your phone number on the check.

For tax payment questions, please contract the Tax Collector at 508-763-3871 ext. 16

**Exemption applications:**
- Can be mailed to the Board of Assessors, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester MA 02770
- or put in the lockbox located at Town Hall at the bottom left side of the front stairs.

If you have questions on your valuation or assessment, or on abatements and exemptions, please contact the Assessor's office at 508-763-5250

Due to COVID-19, the Town of Rochester Town Hall is closed to the public until further notice. The tax office will be open daily at 11:00 am to process the daily mail and answer all emails and phone messages.

Thank you for your patience, Beatrice Renauld