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MEMORANDUM

TO: Lynne Vanderslice, First Selectwoman
Anne Kelly-Lenz, CFO

FROM: Sarah Scacco, Assessor

DATE: April 20, 2020

RE: **PROPOSAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2020 FILING REQUIREMENTS
OF THE TOWN ELDERLY AND DISABLED TAX RELIEF PROGRAM**

Proposal

Due to the recent COVID19 pandemic many applicants may be unable to file prior to May 15th, 2020 and therefore will be ineligible for tax relief for the bills due in July 2020 and January 2021.

In order to make an application for the Town's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief program applicants must first file their 2019 tax return. Since this recent crisis has made the process of filing tax returns more difficult the IRS has extended the filing date to July 15th, 2020.

I propose that we also extend the filing date of the applications due May 15th, 2020 for the Town's Elderly and Disabled Tax Relief program to July 31st, 2020. Any approved applications received prior to May 15th, 2020 will be ensured to receive the credits on the tax bills prior to the bills being processed. This office will attempt to process any approved applications received after May 15th, 2020 but prior to sending out the file to our vendor to be processed and mailed. Once our systems are back up and running for changes any approved applications received will be processed within one to two business days.

The paperwork required to file an application would not change and would still consist of the 2019 Federal Tax Return and 2019 Social Security 1099. If an applicant will not be filing a 2019 Federal Tax Return they would need to provide all year end statements for 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.