

Executive order 9R issued by the Governor requires that municipalities reinstate the July 2020 tax relief programs for the upcoming January 2021 installment. In recognition of this order and of the financial hardships brought on by the global COVID-19 pandemic, the Town of Wilton is offering all qualified taxpayers the opportunity to delay payment of real estate, property and utility taxes, charges and assessments for 90 days.

The tax deferral program is open to all qualified residents, non-profits and businesses, including landlords. To qualify, taxpayers must attest that their income has decreased by at least 20% due to COVID-19 and since April have been furloughed without pay, had hours reduced or been unemployed.

Business and non-profit taxpayers must have a 30% decrease in expected revenue in the October 2020 to January 2021 period versus the October 2019 to January 2020 period. There are special provisions related to landlords.

### **Important Items of Note**

- 1. You must file your application, with supporting documentation, by January 27<sup>th</sup> for bills due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Please read the instructions below before completing the application.**
2. Any bill not paid by 90 days from the due date will be subject to interest of 1 ½% per month.
3. The Town of Wilton accepts partial payments on all accounts.

### **Instructions & Application Form**

#### **Instructions:**

- Please read the instructions before completing the application. It is the applicant's responsibility to accurately complete this form and provide any required proof in order to be considered for the tax deferral. Taxpayers will be notified if they are approved, or if further information is needed.
- This application must be filed no later than January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- This application is for residents, businesses, non-profits and landlords who have been financially impacted by COVID-19.
- ALL APPLICANTS – Check the box after “DEFERRAL PROGRAM” on page 1 and read what this program allows before continuing.
- NOTE: ESCROWED REAL ESTATE ACCOUNTS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR TAX DEFERRAL PER GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER.

#### **Residents:**

1. Click on the Application Form below and fill out all information required on lines 1 – 5.
2. Under “CHECK PROPER ELIGIBILITY”, check the Resident box.

3. Check the box that states you have suffered at least a 20% income loss due to COVID-19.
4. **Provide proof of income loss since April 1, 2020 - reduced hours, furlough, or unemployment determination statement.**
5. Check the box stating proof of ownership and provide driver's license, utility bill or other proof.
6. Sign and date page 2 of the application.
7. Email the form and proof of residency to: [taxcollector@wiltonct.org](mailto:taxcollector@wiltonct.org) or mail the form and proof to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 135, Wilton, CT 06897. You must provide proof of residency with this form.

#### **Businesses/Non-Profits:**

1. Click on Application Form below and fill out all information required on lines 1 – 5.
2. Under "CHECK PROPER ELIGIBILITY", check the Business/Non-Profit box.
3. **Provide proof of revenue decrease of 30% in expected revenue in the October 2020 to January 2021 period versus the October 2019 to January 2020 period - financial statements, receipts.**
4. Check the box that says Proof of Ownership and provide a Business License, Utility Bill, or Secretary of State listing.
5. Email the form and proof of ownership to: [taxcollector@wiltonct.org](mailto:taxcollector@wiltonct.org) or mail the form and proof to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 135, Wilton, CT 06897.

#### **Landlords:**

1. Complete the Application Form (click on link below). In the Landlords section of Application Form, check the Deferral Program box.
2. Check the applicable box for the type of proof you are providing.
3. **Provide documentation proving that commensurate forbearance has been offered to the tenants or lessees.**
4. Complete the Landlord Form (click on link below).
5. Email the forms (Application Form and Landlord Form) and proof to: [taxcollector@wiltonct.org](mailto:taxcollector@wiltonct.org) or mail the forms and proof to: Tax Collector, P.O. Box 135, Wilton, CT 06897.

Click here for Application Form: <http://www.wiltonct.org/tax-collector/files/tax-deferral-application-form>