

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
WOONSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2020-2

March 23, 2020

**An Order Extending the Accrual of Interest and Penalties
for Municipal Taxes**

WHEREAS, the State of Rhode Island and the City of Woonsocket are dealing with unique conditions caused by the novel, contagious, and dangerous COVID-19 virus, which has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization; and,

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 16, 2020, Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt issued Executive Order 2020-1, declaring a State of Emergency and Municipal State of Emergency in the City of Woonsocket; and,

WHEREAS, Federal, State and City officials have been forced to take drastic measures, in the interest of public health and safety, to help contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, residents and business owners throughout the City are currently adjusting to the conditions imposed by the State's aggressive social distancing campaign, which precludes individuals from gathering in crowds of more than ten (10) people at a time; and,

WHEREAS, Mayor Lisa Baldelli-Hunt understands, and is acutely sympathetic to the economic stress placed on Woonsocket's residents, hospitality establishments and other businesses due to COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, it is reasonable to expect that Woonsocket's residents, hospitality establishments and other businesses will require additional time to plan their finances, and, in some cases, apply for Federal and State assistance; and

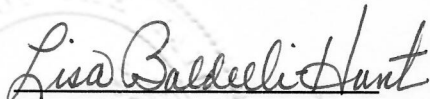
WHEREAS, as instructed from the Governor's Executive Orders pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-8-18, Rhode Island General Laws §§ 30-15-12 and 30-15-13, as well as the City of Woonsocket Home Rule Charter, Chapter IV, Sections 2 and 12, permits the Mayor to declare a

state of emergency for the purpose of, among other things: providing for the cooperation in epidemic prevention, preparedness, response and recover; preparing for emergency health threats that require the exercise of extraordinary governmental functions; providing the city/town with the ability to respond rapidly and effectively to potential or actual public health emergencies; and reducing loss of life; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lisa Baldelli-Hunt by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Woonsocket, pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders, Rhode Island General Laws and the City of Woonsocket Home Rule Charter, including but not limited to Title 30, Chapter 15 of the General Laws and Chapter IV, Sections 2 and 12 of the City of Woonsocket Home Rule Charter, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. That no interest or penalties shall accrue for motor vehicle, tangible and real estate taxes due on April 15, 2020, until after June 1, 2020.

So Ordered:



Lisa Baldelli-Hunt
Lisa Baldelli-Hunt
Mayor