



City of Fall River

Important information Regarding Your Tax Bill & Property Tax Exemptions

Under “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19,” Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the City of Fall River has adopted local options to extend due dates for real and personal property tax payments and applications for exemptions. Specifically:

- 1. The due date of your real and personal property tax bill has been extended to May 15, 2020.** May 15, 2020 is the new due date even if the due date for payment on your enclosed or previously mailed tax bill is May 1, 2020.
- 2. The due date for applications for property tax exemptions has also been extended to May 15, 2020.** May 15, 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 (seniors, surviving spouses, minor children of deceased parent); 18 (financial hardship – activated military, age and infirmity); 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 22F and 22H (veterans, surviving spouses and surviving parents); 37 and 37A (blind persons); 41, 41B, 41C and 41C1/2 (seniors); 42 and 43 (surviving spouse and minor children of firefighter/police officer killed in line of duty); 52 (certain eligible seniors); 53 (certain eligible properties with septic systems); 56 (National Guard and reservists on active duty in foreign countries); and 57 (local option tax rebates). 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 (seniors) and 18A (poverty or financial hardship due to change to active military).

NOTE - If the Government Center is closed on May 15, 2020 (the 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 May 15, 2020 even if Government Center is closed. (See Section 10(b) of the Act.)

The City of Fall River encourages taxpayers to make their tax payments by mail to City of Fall River, P.O. Box 4141, Woburn, MA 01888, or by phone by dialing (855) 801-0769, or online at www.fallriverma.org, or by dropping a check or money order into the secure lockbox at the Third Street Entrance of Government Center. For questions or information regarding tax payments please call (508) 324-2272.

Taxpayers may mail their applications for exemptions to Fall River Assessors Office, City of Fall River, One Government Center, Fall River MA 02722, or may drop the completed application, in a sealed envelope, into the secure lockbox at the Third Street Entrance of Government Center. For questions or information regarding filing tax exemptions please call (508) 324-2300.