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## CHAMBERSBURG EXTENDS REAL ESTATE TAX DEADLINES FOR 2020 IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

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**Chambersburg, Pennsylvania** – Officials across the county are taking steps to help taxpayers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Earlier this week, Franklin County Commissioners voted 2 to 1 to extend the tax filing deadlines on both the discount and the face payments on county real estate and library tax bills. The board extended the 2% discount deadline from the end of April to the end of August and the face value due date to October 31. If paid in November or December, taxpayers will be assessed a 10% penalty.

In Franklin County, local Borough and Township real estate taxes appear on the same tax invoice as County real estate taxes and library real estate taxes. This combined bill goes out at the beginning of each year.

“It would be difficult for a local Borough to have different deadlines than the County,” explained Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill. “The tax bill is the same so staff recommended that Town Council match the County Board’s dates and deadlines so that we could be consistent.”

“The goal,” explained Council President Alice Elia “is to assist our real estate tax payers as much as possible during this crisis”.

**On Monday, April 27, Town Council approved a change to the deadlines for the 2020 Borough real estate taxes.**

For all real property tax payments for taxable year 2020 in the Borough of Chambersburg, the two percent (2%) discount period is extended through August 31, 2020. This provision shall apply only prospectively. No discount will be retroactively provided for real estate payments made prior to the extension of the discount period.

The time by which real property tax payments must be paid without incurring a penalty has been extended to October 31, 2020. This time extension is only applicable for real property taxes assessed in 2020; no other tax years. In addition, to stay current, all 2020 taxes must be paid in full by December 31, 2020.

In Chambersburg Borough, elected Tax Collector Brenda Hill is the point of contact for questions about real estate tax payments. She can be reached at 717-263-6565.

These new deadlines go into effect immediately.