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**Message by the Mayor
Jason F. Cilento
Property Tax Grace Period Extension**

On Tuesday, April 28, 2020, Governor Phil Murphy signed Executive Order No. 130 permitting municipalities to extend the grace period for 2nd quarter property taxes originally due May 1, 2020 to be paid no later than June 1, 2020. In response to the Governor's Executive Order and with the understanding that COVID-19 may have a financial impact on property owners, the Borough Council passed resolution 05-04-2020: #2 at the May 4, 2020 virtual Council Meeting.

This resolution extends the grace period for the May 1, 2020 tax installment to June 1, 2020. This means no interest shall be assessed on tax payments received by the close of business on June 1st. However, any unpaid balances after June 1, 2020 will be subject to interest calculated back to the May 1, 2020 due date, per state law. It should be noted that the due date for the 2nd quarter property taxes has not changed; only the grace period - normally set for 10 days - has been extended to June 1st.

We have analyzed and determined that the Borough is financially able to make such a decision, and will meet its obligations to Middlesex County and the Dunellen Board of Education during this quarter. However, we respectfully ask that if you have the funds available and have not been negatively impacted by COVID-19, please make your payments on time to ensure there is cash on hand to support the ongoing work of our essential Borough employees.

If you have any further questions, please reach out to Borough Administrator William Robins at 732-968-3033 (wrobins@dunellen-nj.gov). Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason F. Cilento".

Jason F. Cilento, Mayor
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