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6 **TREASURER OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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8 **In RE: Emergency Declaration Pursuant**
9 **to RCW 46.06.010 for the State of**
10 **Washington Issued by the Governor in**
11 **Proclamation 20-05 (as extended)**
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**TREASURER’S MOTION TO EXTEND
2020 TAX DEADLINES PURSUANT TO
RCW 84.56.020(10)**

13 **MOTION**

14 WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-05 (and as
15 extended), which declared a state of emergency under **RCW 43.06.010 (12)** for all counties in the
16 state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and,

17 WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-25 (Stay Home –
18 Stay Healthy Proclamation) related to the COVID-19 state of emergency, which prohibited until at
19 least April 6, 2020 all people in the State of Washington from leaving their home or place of
20 residence except: (1) to conduct or participate in essential activities, and/or (2) for employment in
21 essential business services; and,

22 WHEREAS, the Stay Home – Stay Healthy Proclamation and other measures implemented
23 during the COVID-19 state of emergency, while necessary for public health, are having a
24 devastating economic impact on citizens of Jefferson County; and,

25 WHEREAS, **RCW 84.56.020(10)** states: “During a state of emergency declared under
26 **RCW 43.06.010(12)**, the county treasurer, on his or her own motion or at the request of any
27 taxpayer affected by the emergency, may grant extensions of the due date of any taxes payable
28 under this section as the treasurer deems proper;” and,

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WHEREAS, given the county’s immediate need for revenue, under this Order, the following taxpayers should still be required to pay on time:

- (1) taxpayers who believe they are in a financial position to pay on time and can do so in a safe manner by paying online, by the mail or by courthouse payment drop box, and,
- (2) intermediaries who have already collected and are holding property tax money.

NOW, THEREFORE, on my own motion as the duly elected Treasurer of Jefferson County hereby declare that the due date of 2020 first half taxes payable under RCW 84.56.020 are extended for any residents who request and are approved for an extension pursuant to the terms and conditions in the form attached as Appendix A. This extension shall not apply to:

- (1) taxpayers who have not been financially impacted by the COVID-19 state of emergency, and,
- (2) intermediaries who have already collected and are holding property tax money.

SIGNED ON THIS 9th day of April, 2020.



Stacie Prada, Jefferson County Treasurer



JEFFERSON COUNTY

Emergency Affected Taxpayer Affidavit 2020 Property Tax Due Date Extension Request Form

Appendix A

REQUESTED BY:

Taxpayer Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address (to receive copy of document after Treasurer review) _____

Property ID(s): _____

RCW 84.56.020(10) states: “During a state of emergency declared under **RCW 43.06.010(12)**, the county treasurer, on his or her own motion or at the request of any taxpayer affected by the emergency, may grant extensions of the due date of any taxes payable under this section as the treasurer deems proper.” On February 29, 2020, the Governor issued Proclamation 20-05 (and as extended), which declared a state of emergency under **RCW 43.06.010 (12)** for all counties in the state of Washington as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Pursuant to **RCW 84.56.020(10)**, on April 9, 2020 the Jefferson County Treasurer, her own motion, granted extensions of the due dates of first half 2020 property taxes payable under **RCW 84.56.020**.

Terms & Conditions

1. The taxpayer agrees to comply with the extension granted per RCW 84.56.020(10) by paying taxes due on April 30, 2020 on or before the 30th day of June, 2020 to receive a waiver of penalties and interest.
2. The taxpayer understands that the Treasurer’s Office will not be sending reminders or notices. It will be the taxpayer’s responsibility to pay by June 30, 2020.
3. The taxpayer understands that if he/she misses the due date, interest and penalties will not be waived and will apply according to RCW 84.56.020. Any delinquent taxes three (3) year’s delinquent will be subject to tax foreclosure per RCW 84.64.050. For foreclosure avoidance assistance, you may contact the Statewide homeownership hotline at 1-877-894-HOME (4663).
4. Taxpayer understands that payments can be made by mail, phone, or online at <https://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/337/Online-Property-Tax-Assessment-Payments> - a convenience fee is charged for debit/credit cards and e-checks. Payments by mail must be postmarked by due date established to be considered timely.

I own property in Jefferson County, WA, have been affected by the State of Emergency, and am unable to pay by April 30, 2020. My property taxes are not paid through my mortgage company. I have read and understand the terms and conditions of this Agreement. I certify under penalty of perjury under Chapter 9A.72 RCW that the foregoing is true and correct. *I understand this request may be considered a public record subject to public disclosure under Chapter 42.56 RCW.*

Taxpayer name (print) _____
Taxpayer Signature

Location City / State _____
Date

Submit Form certifying under penalty of perjury you have been financially affected by the COVID-19 pandemic to Jefferson County Treasurer for consideration. This extension request is not approved until signed by the Jefferson County Treasurer’s Office.

Amount owed by Taxpayer _____
Jefferson County Treasurer _____
Date

Property Tax Due Date Extension Form Effect. 4/9/2020

JEFFERSON COUNTY
Emergency Affected Taxpayer Affidavit
2020 Property Tax Due Date Extension Request Form

Appendix A

Instructions:

Please complete and submit the Emergency Affected Taxpayer Affidavit to the Treasurer's Office for review by May 15, 2020. Please return the completed form by mail, email, fax or drop box behind the courthouse.

USPS Mail:

Jefferson County Treasurer
PO Box 571
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Drop box: Located behind the Jefferson County Courthouse
at 1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend

Email: treasurerstaff@co.jefferson.wa.us

Fax: 360-385-9149

Property information with amount owing is available online at:

<http://trueweb.jeffcowa.us/propertyaccess/PropertySearch.aspx?cid=0>

The amount shown online will reflect any interest and penalty until such time that the Treasurer's Office has been able to review the request, determine amount owed, complete the form and update the system. The website updates each night.

Notification of Decision:

By email: Treasurer staff will email you a copy of the form if an email address has been provided.

By USPS: Alternatively, you may include a self-addressed stamped envelope for us to mail you a copy of the form and decision.

Questions:

Contact the Treasurer's Office by phone or email. Our office is closed to the public and the date we will reopen for drop-in customers is yet unknown. Please note the large volume of inquiries may lead to longer wait times. We are a small office and will do our best to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

Phone: 360-385-9150 Monday – Friday 8:30 – 4:30 pm.

Email: treasurerstaff@co.jefferson.wa.us