CITY OF STOUGHTON

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL	
The City of Stoughton declared a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. This resolution suspends interest and penalties for late real property tax payments so long as the City receives full property tax payment by October 1, 2020. Committee Action: Fiscal Impact:	
File Number:	**Date Introduced:**

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin Legislature enacted 2019 Wisconsin Act 185 allowing municipalities to suspend interest and penalties for late real property tax installment payments; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Order #12, Safer at Home announced on March 24, 2020, required individuals to remain at home with the exception of essential travel, based on the increasing transmission of COVID-19 within the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, part of the Safer at Home Order required non-essential businesses to remain closed and/or operate in a limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Safer at Home Order is no longer in effect, but Dane County has enacted a substantially similar order requiring non-essential businesses to remain closed and/or operate in a limited capacity; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Stoughton and Dane County as a result of business closures have been laid off or furloughed from their employment; and

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Stoughton have subsequently had to apply for unemployment insurance compensation as a result of loss of employment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stoughton finds that the taxpayers of the City of Stoughton and Dane County have suffered and continue to suffer a general financial hardship as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 7, 2020 Dane County enacted, by the authority of 2019 Wisconsin Act 185, Resolution 2020-20, which resolution went into effect May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Dane County resolution 2020-20 finds that the residents and taxpayers of Dane County have suffered and continue to suffer a general financial hardship as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic, and approved the waiver of interest and penalties for late payments of property tax installments due after April 1, 2020 if the entire balance is paid by October 1, 2020; and

BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Stoughton will suspend the imposition of interest and penalties for late real property tax installment payments due on May 31 and July 31 provided the instalments are paid in full by October 1, 2020.

Council Action: **Adopted** **Failed** **Vote** _____

Mayoral Action: ☐ **Accept** ☐ **Veto**

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Tim Swadley, Mayor Date

Council Action: _____ ☐ **Override** **Vote** **? - ?**