

**GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 4, 2020
MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CHEWS LANDING NEW JERSEY**

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Statement: Mr. Mercado read a statement setting forth the time, date and place of this meeting, that it was properly advertised, posted and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Roll Call:	Mr. Hutchison	Mr. Carlamere, Solicitor
	Mr. Owens	Mr. Cardis, Business Administrator
	Mrs. Stubbs-via telephone	Mrs. Power, Township Clerk, RMC
	Mrs. Winters-via telephone	
	Mr. Mignone	
	Mrs. Trotto	
	Mr. Mercado	

PUBLIC PORTION:

Mr. Mercado opened the public portion.

Peter Heinbaugh of Morningstar Court asked for the quarter to date figures of property tax revenue comparing this year to last year. Mr. Cardis did not have those figures readily available. Mr. Cardis stated many mortgage companies are paying the full amounts. Mr. Heinbaugh stated he was not requesting that information, simply asking if there was a slow down in property tax revenue to warrant an extension of the grace period for a month. Mr. Heinbaugh asked if the April Month End tax flow forecast document was completed. Mr. Cardis stated a cash analysis document was prepared in order to issue the TANS. Mr. Heinbaugh asked for a copy of the April Month End when it is completed. Mr. Cardis explained the document Mr. Heinbaugh is referring to is a one time tabulation sheet required by the DLGS to approve the resolution for the tax anticipation notes and is not prepared every month. Mr. Heinbaugh stated the analysis forecast he is referring to showed no change in property tax. Mr. Cardis explained that document and the budget are mutually exclusive and since the budget has not been introduced yet, the CFO would not assume an increase at the time of the document. Mr. Cardis wished to make it clear the analysis, a cash flow prepared by the CFO based upon the prior year and required by the DLGS, has nothing to do with council's work on the budget.

Council Vice President Trotto read a question submitted by Marlisa Wilson via YouTube : I understand about the Governor's extension. How about the people who have not received their unemployment, have no income. Will the township look to further extensions past June 1st? Mr. Cardis explained the township is not permitted to extend without the state authorizing.

There being no further comment, the public portion was closed.

RESOLUTIONS:

R-20:05-092

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER EXTENDING THE GRACE PERIOD FOR MAY 1ST PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS UNTIL JUNE 1ST IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXECUTIVE ORDER 130

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-66(a), second-quarter property taxes are due for property taxpayers within Township of Gloucester on May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pursuant N.J.S.A. 54:4-67(a), local governments may fix the rate of interest to be charged for the nonpayment of taxes, assessments, or other municipal liens or charges, on or before the date when they would become delinquent, and may provide that no interest shall be charged if payment of any installment is made within the tenth calendar day following the date upon which the same became delinquent, thereby establishing a grace period running through May 11, 2020 for second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to take action to minimize and mitigate additional hardships, losses, or suffering by individuals and local government units as the State and its political subdivisions respond to the spread of COVID-19, on April 28, 2020, The Honorable Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, issued Executive Order 130, permitting municipalities to adopt a resolution instituting a grace period concluding on a date no later than June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to mitigate financial hardship and to alleviate some of the financial burden caused as a result of COVID-19 on property taxpayers within the Township of Gloucester, the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester desire to take action in accordance with Executive Order 130 and institute a grace period to the fullest extent permitted by the Order, concluding on June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Gloucester, County of Camden and State of New Jersey, that:

1. The provisions of the **WHEREAS** clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof.
2. The Township Council of the Township of Gloucester hereby institute a grace period concluding on June 1, 2020 for the payment of second-quarter property taxes in accordance with Executive Order 130.
3. The Township Clerk is directed to notify the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of this resolution instituting an extended grace period adopted under authority of Executive Order 130 not later than the third business day next following the adoption of this resolution.
4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Adopted: May 4, 2020

President of Council
Orlando Mercado

Township Clerk, RMC
Nancy Power

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adopt, seconded by Mr. Owens. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Mr. Hutchison made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Trotto. Roll call vote: All in favor. Motion carried. 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Council President
Orlando Mercado

Nancy Power
Township Clerk, RMC