

# Covid-19 - Tax Deferment and Interest Rate Reduction Program Information

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On April 21st, 2020, the Middlefield Board of Selectmen voted to adopt two programs for property tax relief during the COVID-19 pandemic as authorized by an Executive Order by Governor Lamont.

- A temporary deferment (extended grace period) of tax collections. If eligible, the taxes due July 1st, 2020 can be deferred until September 30th, 2020.
- A reduced 3% interest charge for 3 months, instead of the normal 18%. This lowered interest rate would be applied to current outstanding taxes owed for a period of three months.

**You must APPLY to be eligible for the Deferment Program.**

The Tax Deferment Program is only for “eligible taxpayers” and the taxpayer **must file** an application with the Tax Collector **no later than July 1, 2020** in order to qualify. The Interest Rate Reduction Program **does not** require an application to be filed by the taxpayer. State Office of Policy and Management guidance on “eligible taxpayers”, defined as follows:

- Resident: suffered a reduction in income of at least 20% due to COVID-19. Since March 10, 2020, have been either (1) furloughed without pay; (2) hours significantly reduced; or (3) unemployed.
- Business/Non-Profit Organization: revenue expected to decrease at least 30% from March to June 2020 versus March to June 2019 at the property. Proof of Ownership must be attached such as a business license, utility bills, Secretary of State listing, or other proof of ownership.

For additional information and the Tax Deferment Application please follow the links below. The FAQ link will provide additional detailed information on the Tax Deferment Program and as to how the Interest Rate Reduction Program can benefit you.

Any questions or for further assistance please contact:

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## Deferment Application

[Fillable Form](#)

[Printable PDF](#)

## **FAQ**

Office of Policy and Management - Guidance for Tax Deferred and Low Interest Programs

Governor Lamont - Executive Order No. 7-S, Section 6

Board of Selectmen - Resolution Concerning Tax Deferment and Interest Rate Reduction Programs