

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT
DEADLINE FOR TAX YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, national, state and local economies have been negatively impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, arising from the public health threat presented by this spreading communicable disease; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth presently remains in Phase Three of the Forward Virginia reopening blueprint; and

WHEREAS, Phase Three means the public is still “safest at home except for essential trips such as food purchases and medical care;” and

WHEREAS, the economic impact from COVID-19 is reflected in the cumulative decreases since February 1, 2020 in taxable sales (Sales Tax) of 19.%, Meals Tax 46%, and Transient Lodging Tax 72%; and

WHEREAS, Virginia’s overall seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in June was 8.4%, or 5.6% higher than last year, resulting in the loss of more than 300,000 jobs (almost 116,000 being from Northern Virginia); and

WHEREAS, the employment component for Leisure and Hospitality Services in Virginia has been particularly impacted, down 28.7% compared to June 2019 ; and

WHEREAS, whereas the City of Alexandria has spent \$2.4 million to date from the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020, along with \$195,000 in General Fund contributions, and approximately \$900,000 from Industrial Development Authority (IDA) bond fee earnings to support over 300 small business with grants through the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP); and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria has supported the community by spending \$1.4 million thus far in CARES funding via the Office of Housing to provide rent grants to 800 low-income renters, along with \$439,000 in Emergency Rent Relief using federal CDBG funds for another 324 renters; and

WHEREAS, the Personal Property Tax (Car Tax and Business Personal Property Tax) bills have been mailed, with payment due by October 5, 2020, subject to penalties and interest at

1 10% per annum for late payments pursuant to Title 3, Article M, Division 3, Section 3-2-230 of
2 the Code of the City of Alexandria; and

3 **WHEREAS**, the Car Tax bill is the means by which Residential Parking Permits are
4 disseminated to the appropriate vehicle owners pursuant to Title 5, Article F, Chapter 8 of the
5 Code of the City of Alexandria; and

6 **WHEREAS**, Section 58.1-3916 of the Code of Virginia empowers the Alexandria City
7 Council to grant by resolution an extension of time, not to exceed 90 days, for the payment of
8 Personal Property Taxes;

9 **WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council desires to provide all support possible to the
10 community at this time; and

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12 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**
13 **BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**
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- 15 1. That the due date in FY 2021 for the payment of Personal Property Taxes for tax year
- 16 2020 is hereby extended to December 15, 2020, and that payment can be made up to
- 17 that time without late penalties and interest.
- 18 2. That the Alexandria Police Department delay enforcement of the red 2020-2021
- 19 Residential Parking Permit from November 15, 2020 through December 15, 2020;
- 20 however, enforcement should continue as regularly scheduled if a vehicle is not
- 21 otherwise displaying the prior year permit.
- 22 3. That staff immediately communicate the extension information to the community.

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24 ADOPTED: September ____, 2020

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JUSTIN M. WILSON MAYOR

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27 ATTEST:

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29 Gloria A. Sitton, CMC, City Clerk

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