

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Number 62 of 2020

LAURA CURRAN, County Executive of the County of Nassau, by the powers vested in me by the Nassau County Charter and the Laws of the State of New York do hereby order and declare as follows:

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has created a unique and extraordinary public health emergency for the County and its residents, as it has for the entire country; and

WHEREAS, by a March 7, 2020 Executive Order, the Governor declared a State disaster emergency because of the threat that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of the State's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, concerns over the spread of COVID-19 have required many businesses to close or to severely curtail operations and consequently, many workers have been furloughed or have lost their jobs; and

WHEREAS, in order to help mitigate some of this hardship, I requested that the Governor exercise his authority under Real Property Tax Law §925-a(2) to issue an executive order to extend the deadline in Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) to pay 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes without interest or penalties from May 11, 2020 (due to the May 10th deadline falling on a Sunday) to June 1, 2020, which is the last permitted date for such one-time extension under RPTL §925-a(2); and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order No. 202.22, dated April 20, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo granted my request and authorized me to extend until June 1, 2020, the deadline to pay second-half school district taxes under Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) without interest or penalty; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Nassau County Executive Order No. 23 of 2020, dated April 21, 2020, I did so extend the deadline to pay second-half school district taxes

under Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) without interest or penalty;
and

WHEREAS, some taxpayers became confused about the deadline for paying 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes without penalty or interest because the County Legislature had passed a local law extending that deadline to June 10, 2020, which I vetoed on the ground that it was preempted; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide further relief to Nassau County residents and businesses who were so confused and also to those many who continue to struggle with the economic effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency, on June 12, 2020, I requested that the Governor issue a further executive order pursuant to Executive Law §29-a to suspend Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) to the extent of permitting me to order that interest and penalties on such unpaid taxes be calculated from July 1, 2020, rather than from April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2020, Governor Cuomo issued Executive Order No. 202.43, thus suspending Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) to the extent of authorizing me to order an extension of the deadline for paying 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes without interest and penalties and to further order such an adjustment to the date from which interest and penalties shall be calculated on any unpaid 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

ORDERED, that pursuant to Governor's Executive Order No. 202.43, I hereby extend the deadline in Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) for paying 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes without interest or penalties from June 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020 and further change the date from which interest and penalties shall be calculated under Nassau County Administrative Code §5-18.0(2) for unpaid 2019-2020 second-half school district taxes from April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020.

ORDERED, that this Executive Order takes effect immediately.

DATED: June 19, 2020



LAURA CURRAN
COUNTY EXECUTIVE