

## Possible Extension of 2019 Property Tax Payment of 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment

State legislation has been passed and signed into law allowing counties to waive interest and penalties on 2019 property tax installment payments due and payable after April 1, 2020, until October 1, 2020, contingent upon the County passing a resolution and the taxation district (municipality) also adopting a resolution in similar form and content.

**The Portage County Board approved a resolution** on April 21, 2020 to allow this waiver.

- The City of Stevens Point Common Council approved a resolution on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 for City of Stevens Point parcels.
- I am currently communicating with the additional 26 municipalities in Portage County regarding their important part in implementing this waiver by passing a resolution.

### How the waiver would work:

For 2019 Property Tax installments due April 30<sup>th</sup> for City of Stevens Point parcels and July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020 for all, interest and penalty would be waived until October 1, 2020. If the bill is unpaid after October 1, 2020, interest and penalty would begin to accrue.

### **IMPORTANT NOTE**

This waiver would **only apply to 2019 tax bills where the first installment was paid on time, in full.** If the January 31<sup>st</sup> installment was not paid timely, in full, the entire balance owing became due and payable immediately. Therefore, a taxpayer that is already delinquent would still accrue interest because the installments were due before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

I sincerely hope we are able to provide this opportunity to all eligible Portage County taxpayers during this difficult time. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions.

Thank you,

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