



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF COVINGTON**

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**EXECUTIVE ORDER
CITY OF COVINGTON, KENTUCKY**

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-28

EXTENSION OF PROPERTY TAX DEADLINES

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, Mayor Joseph U. Meyer signed Executive Order 2020-EO-01, declaring a state of emergency in the City of Covington due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, applicable Kentucky laws authorize a mayor to exercise emergency powers to efficiently and effectively provide for the health, safety and welfare of citizens; and

WHEREAS, Covington businesses will be impacted financially by the outbreak of COVID-19 virus and associated government directives and orders; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear issued an executive order that suspended any statutory deadlines that could require in-person governmental activity during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, Finance Cabinet Secretary Holly McCoy-Johnson issued an administrative order delaying the property tax calendar by sixty (60) days; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington, pursuant to Chapter 97 of the Covington Code of Ordinances, elects to use the annual Kenton County assessment for property situated within the City as a basis of ad valorem tax levies ordered or approved by the Board of Commissioners by KRS 132.285; and

WHEREAS, Section 97.01(B) of the Covington Code of Ordinances requires the City's assessment dates to conform with corresponding dates for the county and the issuance of bills for collection of taxes shall be as of the first of August; and

WHEREAS, Covington Ordinance § 97.02 establishes a due date of October 15th and a delinquency date of October 16th, subject to automatic extensions if October 15th falls on a Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS, because of the delay in receiving the assessment information from the Kenton County PVA during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Covington Finance Director and Covington City Manager have recommended the temporary amendment of the dates set forth in Chapter 97 related to tax bill issuance, due date, and delinquency date.

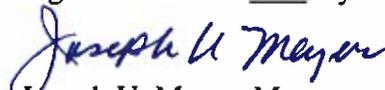
NOW and therefore, I, Joseph U. Meyer, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Covington, Kentucky by KRS Chapter 39A, KRS 39B, and in furtherance of the declaration set forth in Executive Order 2020-EO-01, hereby order:

1. That portion of Section 97.01(B) requiring the City to issue bills for the collection of taxes shall be amended due to the revised state deadlines so that the issuance of bills for the collection of calendar year 2020 taxes shall be as of the first of October.
2. That portion of Section 97.02(A) relating to City tax deadlines shall be amended due to the revised state deadlines so that the deadline for the City 2020 tax bills is October 31, 2020 and the delinquency date is November 2, 2020.

This Order shall remain in effect until terminated by the issuance of another Executive Order when I determine that a state of emergency no longer exists and the exercise of extraordinary measures are no longer required for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

THIS ORDER IS EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25, 2020 AND SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL RESCINDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER.

Signed on this the 25th day of August, 2020,


Joseph U. Meyer, Mayor

Attest:


Margaret M. Nyhan, City Clerk

8-25-2020
Date