

Town of Saugus
Important information Regarding Your Real Estate and/or Personal
Property Tax Bill

Acting in accordance with “An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19,” Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, and the powers granted to me under the Town Charter of the Town of Saugus, I, Scott C. Crabtree, Esq., Town Manager of Saugus, have adopted the local option to extend due dates for real and personal property tax payments and applications for exemptions and a waiver of interest on certain municipal tax and other bills paid by June 30, 2020 as follows:

1. The due date of your real and personal property tax bill has been extended to June 1, 2020. June 1, 2020 is the new due date even if the due date for payment on your previously mailed tax bill is May 1, 2020.

2. The due date for applications for property tax exemptions has also been extended to June 1, 2020. June 1, 2020 is the new due date even if the due date for applications or previously mailed tax bill is April 1, 2020. This extension applies to applications for the exemptions listed in the third paragraph of G.L. c. 59, § 59, including exemptions under clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2 and 17D (seniors, surviving spouses, minor children of deceased parent); 18 (financial hardship – activated military, age and infirmity); 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, 22F and 22H (veterans, surviving spouses and surviving parents); 37 and 37A (blind persons); 41, 41B, 41C and 41C1/2 (seniors); 42 and 43 (surviving spouse and minor children of firefighter/police officer killed in line of duty); 52 (certain eligible seniors); 53 (certain eligible properties with septic systems); 56 (National Guard and reservists on active duty in foreign countries); and 57 (local option tax rebates). This extension also automatically applies to applications for residential exemptions under G.L. c. 59, § 5C, for small commercial exemptions under G.L. c. 59, § 5I and for deferrals under G.L. c. 59, § 5, clauses 41A (seniors) and 18A (poverty or financial hardship due to change to active military).

3. All interest and other penalties for late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or sewer use or other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 are hereby waived where payment is made late but before June 30, 2020. This applies to late payments of bills that have a due date of March 10, 2020 or after, when such bills are paid late but paid on or before June 30. This waiver of interest does not apply to bills with due dates before March 10, 2020 or if the bill is not paid by June 30.

NOTE - If the municipal offices are closed on the June 1, 2020 the extended due date for tax payments or filing of exemption applications as a result of the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus or the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the governor on March 10, 2020, are NOT extended – they will be due on June 1, 2020 even if the municipal offices are closed. (See section 10(b) of the Act.)

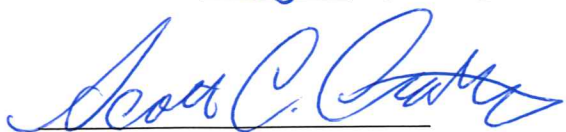
Payments for the Real Estate Tax and Personal Property Tax bills, as well as Motor Vehicle Excise, Water/Sewer charges, Parking Violations, as well as other charges and fees due to the Town of Saugus, can continue to be made in the following manner:

1. Online through the Town of Saugus website go to www.saugus-ma.gov and click on Bill Pay and follow the prompts – you do not have to register, you can check out as a guest.
2. Payment drop off box located at the front of Town Hall on the right. The Town Hall, is located at 298 Central Street, Saugus, MA.
3. Mailed through US Mail to the return address on the bill - Town of Saugus, P.O. Box 4157, Woburn, MA 02188-4157 or to the Town Hall, c/o Collector of Taxes, 298 Central Street, Suite 5, Saugus, MA 01906

Questions regarding payments should be directed to the Collector's Office at 781-231-4135.

Questions regarding assessed values, abatements, or exemptions should be directed to the Assessor's Office at 781-231-4130.

Dated this 13 day of April, 2020.



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Town Manager