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An Act to Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting From COVID-19

NOTICE TO ADOPT PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 53 OF THE ACTS OF 2020

In accordance with Section 53 of the acts of 2020 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby authorize the acceptance of the local option of Section 11:

To waive interest and other penalty for late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or annual sewer use or other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made after its respective date but before June 30, 2020. This provides relief for any Municipal Payments due during this period:

Municipal Payments:

Anyone having difficulty making 4th Quarter Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Payments for May 1, 2020 will be automatically extended and any Late payments for 4th Quarter Real Estate/Personal Property Tax and any Bills issued for Motor Vehicle Excise, and Water & Sewer Fees from March 10th and beyond will have all interest and late fees waived. The State is currently allowing a grace period until June 30, 2020 and the City is adopting that provision. We are hopeful the State will allow Cities and Towns to extend these waivers beyond June 30, 2020. I will make further announcements once more information is available.

I also, hereby authorize the acceptance of the local option of Section 10(a)(iv):
To extend the due date for applications for exemptions from April 1, 2020 to June 1, 2020

Respectfully,

Edward A. Bettencourt, Jr.
Mayor, City of Peabody