

RESOLUTION 2020 – 168

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BARNEGAT, COUNTY OF OCEAN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE TAX COLLECTOR TO PREPARE AND MAIL ESTIMATED TAX BILLS DUE AUGUST 1, 2020

WHEREAS, in light of the disruption caused by the coronavirus outbreak, the State of New Jersey delayed the adoption of the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget to September 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Local Government Services (DLGS) cannot certify State Aid allocations to municipal budgets until State Aid Appropriations are known; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS cannot approve municipal budgets and the County Board of Taxation cannot certify taxes until long after the June 30, 2020 deadline to process third quarter tax bills due August 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, without a 2020 Certified Tax Rate, the Tax Collector cannot process the final 2020 Tax Levy; and

WHEREAS, the DLGS "*strongly recommends*" under Local Finance Notice 2020-07 "*that municipalities prepare to issue estimated tax bills for 2020:*" and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, computed and certified an estimated Tax Levy in accordance with N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.3, and both have signed a certification showing the tax levies for previous years, the tax rates and the range of permitted tax levies necessary to bill third quarter taxes due August 1, 2020; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Barnegat Township Committee, in the County of Ocean, State of New Jersey that due to COVID-19 outbreak causing a delay in the State of New Jersey adopting the State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget;

1. The total estimated tax rate of 2.788 has been recommended;
2. The entire estimated tax levy for 2020 is hereby set at \$68,363,739.00;
3. The Barnegat Township Tax Collector is hereby authorized and directed to prepare and issue estimated tax bills for the Third Quarter of 2020 taxes. The Tax Collector shall proceed and take such actions as are permitted and required by P.L. 1994, C.72 (N.J.S.A. 54:4-66.2 and 54:4-66.3)
4. In accordance with the law, the Third Quarter Installment of 2020 taxes shall not be subject to interest until the later of August 10th or the twenty-fifth (25th) calendar day after the date the estimated tax bills were mailed. The estimated tax bill shall contain a notice specifying the date on which interest may begin to accrue.

CERTIFICATION

I, Michele Rivers, Municipal Clerk of the Township of Barnegat, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Township Committee at their meeting held on the 5th day of May, 2020.

Michele Rivers, RMC
Municipal Clerk