

ORDINANCE 005-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF NICHOLASVILLE, KENTUCKY, CHAPTER 21: TAXATION, SECTION 21-2: ASSESSMENT OF INTEREST, PENALTY AND COSTS FOR DELINQUENT CITY TAX BILLS; SUBSECTION (c).

WHEREAS, KRS 91A.070 authorizes cities to establish by ordinance procedures for the collection of ad valorem taxes, including the imposition of penalties and interest for late payment or nonpayment;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Nicholasville enacted Ordinance 1062-2019 on August 16, 2019, to amend Chapter 21, Section 21-2 of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Nicholasville, relating to assessment of interest, penalty and costs for delinquent city tax bills;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Nicholasville has declared a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, pursuant to KRS 83A.060(7), the City Commission hereby suspends the requirements of a second reading and publication for this ordinance to become effective and therefore this ordinance shall become effective upon approval at first reading;

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Nicholasville is aware that this emergency may impose an increased financial burden on some citizens and wishes to ameliorate that hardship by extending the deadline for the payment of city taxes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Nicholasville:

1. Ordinance 1062-2019 enacted on August 16, 2019 and relating to amendment of Chapter 21, Section 21-2 Assessment of interest, penalties and costs for delinquent city tax bills, Subsection (c), hereby amended.
2. Chapter 21, Section 21-2 Code of Ordinances for the City of Nicholasville shall be amended as follows:

Sec. 21-2. Assessment of interest, penalty and costs for delinquent city tax bills.

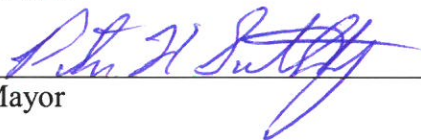
- (a) *Assessment generally.* For taxable periods after 2007, with the exception of tax period 2019, after October 31st of each year, all delinquent ad valorem taxes for that taxable year shall be assessed a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount due. For tax period 2019, after November 30th, all delinquent ad valorem taxes shall be assessed a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount due.
- (b) *Accrual of interest on delinquent tax bills.* Beginning on January 1st of the year following the taxable period of 2015, and all subsequent years thereafter, with the exception of tax period 2019, all past due ad valorem tax bills including the 10% penalty shall accrue

interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum until paid. For tax period 2019, beginning on February 1st of the year following the taxable period of 2019, all past due ad valorem tax bills including the 10% penalty shall accrue interest at the rate of twelve (12%) per annum until paid. All past due ad valorem tax bills for years prior to January 2015 shall continue to be assessed interest, at six percent (6%) per annum until paid.

- (c) *Collection: penalties and costs.* On March 1st of each year, with the exception of the tax period following taxable period 2019, all delinquent ad valorem taxes for the previous taxable calendar year shall be given to the city attorney for collection. For payments received on and after March 1st, there shall additionally be imposed a penalty of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per bill or twenty-five percent (25%) of the then outstanding amount of the bill including the 10% penalty and any accrued interest, whichever is greater, plus collection costs. For the tax period of 2019, these deadlines shall be ~~April~~ **June** 1st of the following year.

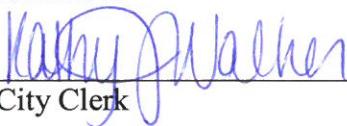
This Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and execution.

FIRST READING AND ADOPTION: March 19, 2020



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE 005-2020

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This ordinance amends Ordinance 1062-2019, enacted on August 16, 2019, and relating to amendment of the Code of Ordinances Chapter 21: Taxation, Section 21-2: Assessment of Interest, Penalty, and Costs for Delinquent City Tax Bills, Subsection (c) to extend the period for payments received on or after June 1, 2020, an additional penalty equal to the greater of \$75.00 or 25% of the then-outstanding amount (including the 10% penalty and any accrued interest) shall be collected.