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## Vienna Town Council adopts relief measures

At its meeting last night, Vienna Town Council adopted two resolutions designed to aid residents and businesses feeling the economic impact of public health measures taken to curb the spread of coronavirus.

Council extended the due date for the first installment of Town of Vienna real estate taxes by one month. The initial 2020 installment is now due August 28.

Town Council also adopted an emergency ordinance to temporarily amend the Town's meal tax provisions. For the next 60 days, through June 13, the Town will waive any penalty and interest fees for late payments. In addition, the Town will increase the on-time payment discount from 3% to 10%.

The emergency ordinance is in effect April 14-June 13 and impacts meal tax payments, which restaurants collect from patrons and pass along to the Town, for April and May.

"Even though the Town has its own significant, pandemic-related financial impacts to address, Town Council wants to make what temporary changes it can to assist our restaurants and property owners," says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. "Our Vienna restaurants are an important part of our community, and we hope that these measures provide a little bit of relief."

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