

TOWN OF STONEHAM **EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized the COVID-19 outbreak as a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency to Respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the Select Board determined, in consultation with the federal, state and local public health officials, that COVID-19 poses a significant, immediate threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of people residing both within and outside the Town of Stoneham, and, as such, declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Order Assuring Continued Operation of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More than 10 People (COVID-19 Order No. 13), which order was revised and extended on March 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Stoneham Town Hall remains closed to the public until after May 4, 2020, and unnecessary physical contact between town officials and residents of Stoneham must be avoided to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS on April 21, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts issued an Order extending the closure of public and private schools through the end of this school year in order to mitigate the potential spread of COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to our authority as the Select Board of the Town under the March 24, 2020 declaration of a local state of emergency, the applicable provisions of the Stoneham Home Rule Charter, and Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, we hereby order the following:

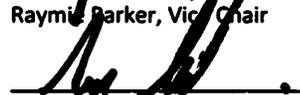
Pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, the Select Board authorize the Treasurer Collector to waive, on a case by case basis and if there is a demonstrated inability to pay due to circumstances related to the outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (in the view of the Treasurer Collector), the payment of interest and other penalty in the event of late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof a due date on or after March 10, 2020 and made after its respective due date but before June 30, 2020.

SIGNED THIS 23rd DAY OF APRIL, 2020

STONEHAM SELECT BOARD


Shelly MacNeill, Chair


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