

# BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

## Anoka County, Minnesota

DATE: May 26, 2020

RESOLUTION #2020-65

OFFERED BY COMMISSIONER: Meisner

### AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF ANOKA COUNTY PROPERTY TAX PENALTIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused an unprecedented disruption in the lives of the residents of Anoka County; and,

WHEREAS, the disruption caused by COVID-19 includes an increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects; and,

WHEREAS, the increase in unemployment and other serious economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic creates the possibility that some Anoka County residents may be unable to fully pay required property taxes; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners finds that it would be unjust and inequitable to require certain qualifying taxpayers to pay penalties associated with unpaid property taxes when payment of those taxes has been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby passes this resolution to exempt qualifying residents from the accrual of penalties for late payment of certain property taxes, as more fully set forth below:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to MS § 279.01, subd. 2, the Anoka County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Division Manager of Property Records and Taxation to grant a one-time only abatement of the penalty for late payment of property taxes, for the first payment missed due to a financial hardship directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic state, federal or local emergency declaration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this one-time abatement of penalty will only apply to current year non-escrow residential and non-residential properties with under \$50,000 annual property tax owed for all properties owned by the taxpayer; excluding railroad and utility parcels. The one-time penalty abatement will also apply only if the first half payment is made in full by July 15, 2020.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF ANOKA ) ss

I, Rhonda Sivarajah, County Administrator, Anoka County, Minnesota, hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the resolution of the county board of said county with the original record thereof on file in the Administration Office, Anoka County, Minnesota, as stated in the minutes of the proceedings of said board at a meeting duly held on May 26, 2020, and that the same is a true and correct copy of said original record and of the whole thereof, and that said resolution was duly passed by said board at said meeting.

Witness my hand and seal this 26th day of May 2020.

RHONDA SIVARAJAH  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
DISTRICT #1 – LOOK	X	
DISTRICT #2 – BRAASTAD	X	
DISTRICT #3 – WEST	X	
DISTRICT #4 – MEISNER	X	
DISTRICT #5 – GAMACHE	X	
DISTRICT #6 – REINERT	X	
DISTRICT #7 – SCHULTE	X	