



*Municipal Corp. of
Cape Charles*

April 7, 2020

PUBLIC MESSAGE #8 RE: COVID-19

To All Residents and Business Owners:

Due to the current guidance from the state, it appears the Coronavirus situation will continue to affect our residents and businesses well into June. In an effort to provide some relief, the Mayor and Town Council will consider two ordinances at a special Council meeting on Wednesday evening.

The first ordinance would delay the upcoming due date (April 15) for businesses to pay their Business, Professional, and Occupational License tax without penalty. This is meant to ease cash flow requirements during this exceptionally lean time.

The other ordinance is meant to assist residents by removing penalties for late utility payments. This ordinance would also delay the due date for golf cart licenses and broaden the town manager's authority to work with people to develop payment plans to help them through this extraordinary period.

The Wednesday special meeting will be conducted under the Town's emergency declaration which allows electronic participation by Council members. The public is invited to watch the meeting live on [Facebook](#), or review the video after the fact on the Town's website. Public comments are also encouraged. Please email your comments to the Town Clerk at clerk@capecharles.org or leave them in the drop box outside of Town Hall in advance of the meeting.

At this time, while operating under an emergency declaration, only critical time sensitive business can be conducted by the Council or any of its boards or commissions. While we realize this is creating a growing backlog of other pending matters, we ask for everyone's patience while we navigate this unfamiliar terrain to determine how best to address this other business. Anyone feeling their pending business is creating an economic hardship, should contact Town Hall outlining those specifics. As I said, we're working on a process.

Hang in there everyone! We'll get through this.

John Hozey
Town Manager