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IMPORTANT MESSAGE COVID-19 RATE PAYER RELIEF MEASURE

Certain measures are in place providing relief to ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review the message in its entirety. For more information please go to our website at www.longportnj.gov or taxes@longport-nj.us 609-823-2731 x 111.

SERVICE SHUTOFF MORATORIUM

Be advised the Executive Order 229 currently prohibits a local government from shutting off water or electric service to a residential customer, or to accounts primarily serving residential customers, due to nonpayment of water, sewer, or electric charges unless the disconnection is to prevent or ameliorate a risk to public health or safety. **THIS SHUTOFF MORATORIUM REMAINS in EFFECT UNTI JANUART 1, 2022.**

LATE PAYMENT PENALTY and LIEN ENFORCEMENT MORATORIUM

Be advised that, until January 1, 2022, Executive Order 229 places a moratorium on local governments enforcing late payment charges and penalties on water or electric accounts, or referring a delinquent water or electric payment to tax sale. **ON or AFTER JANUARY 1, 2022, charges and penalties may be imposed for delinquent payments, and any payments remaining delinquent may be referred to a tax lien sale held by the municipal tax collector.**

BILL ASSISTANCE and ARREARAGE FORGIVENESS PROGRAMS

The New Jersey Department of Community Affairs (DCA) is currently developing a Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). This program is designed to assist water and sewer customers facing economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Further information will be provided once the program goes live.

OPPORTUNITY TO REPAY ARREARAGES IN INSTALLMENT

Be advised that residents experiencing economic hardship during COVID-19 and who are behind on their water or sewer payments may be eligible to enter into an agreement whereby the resident agrees to pay their arrearages in installments over a period of time. As part of the agreement, the resident must keep up to date on all current charges. For more information on repaying arrearages in installment, taxes@longport-nj.us or 609-823-2731 x 111.