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PRESS RELEASE

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Mayor Bob Donchez announced today that the City is extending the deadline for paying the Earned Income Tax and Business Privilege Tax to July 15, 2020 because of the hardship caused to many residents by the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 City of Bethlehem's Real Estate taxes paid or postmarked before May 11, 2020 will be eligible for the 2% discount. In addition, the due date for full payment of the City Real Estate Tax will be extended from May 29, 2020 to August 10, 2020.

Last week, City Council approved Mayor Donchez's request for an emergency disaster declaration that authorizes taking emergency management measures, to reduce the severity of the pandemic and to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected residents.

City Hall remains open with restricted access to the general public, to submit permit applications, pay bills and conduct other business with the city. A makeshift customer service area on the first floor of City Hall has been set up so people can still drop off permit applications and other documents without having to move throughout the building. A service table has been set up to comply with social distancing.

The following recreational facilities are closed to the public until further notice: bathrooms at all parks, Bethlehem Golf Course, Charles A. Brown Ice House, Dog Park, Earl E. Schaffer Ice Rink, Illick's Mill, Sand Island Tennis Courts, Sand Island Basketball Courts, and the Skateplaza. For residents who visit the trails, open space parks, or South Bethlehem Greenway, the City requests that you do not use the playground equipment, and practice social distancing, as suggested by the CDC.

The Theis/Cornfeld Recycling Center and Yardwaste/Compost Facility are closed until further notice. Curbside recycling pick-up is still following a normal schedule.

Bethlehem residents concerned with businesses operating in violation of the shutdown, are requested to call the Bethlehem Service Center at 610-865-7000. Do not call 911 for this issue.

Please monitor the City's website and social media for additional information including closures of City facilities, postponement of public meetings and updates on COVID-19.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

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