

**Town of Millville** Massachusetts 01529 OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

### CERTIFICATION

At a legal meeting of the qualified voters of the Town of Millville, held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, the following business was transacted under

### ARTICLE 8. Bylaw Adoption of MGL Chapter 60 Section 62A; Municipalities; Treasurer Tax Title Payment Plans

To see if the Town will adopt a bylaw in accordance with General Laws Chapter 60, Section 62A as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

#### Town of Millville General By-laws

# CHAPTER 10, §10: TAX TITLE PAYMENT PLANS

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 60, §62A, the Town Treasurer shall have the authority to enter into written payment agreements with every person entitled to redeem ownership of parcels in tax title which have been taken by the Town as a result of nonpayment of real estate taxes. The payment agreement shall be executed on such terms and conditions for payment of the delinquent taxes, interest and any other costs, fees or charges associated with same, in accordance with G.L. c. 60, §62A and this by-law. The Town Treasurer shall not refuse to enter into agreements with any eligible taxpayers.
- 2. This by-law shall apply to all taxpayers with parcels in the following assessment categories of tax title in the Town:
  - a. Commercial property;
  - b. Residential property;
  - c. Industrial;
  - d. Open space; and
  - e. Multi-Use
- 3. The following conditions must be met prior to the Town entering into all payment agreements:
  - a. The Town has not filed a petition to foreclose upon the rights of redemption with the Land Court;
  - b. The recording date of the Instrument of Taking recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds must be no more than ten (10) years prior to the date of the proposed agreement; and
  - c. The taxpayer agrees to abide by the requirements of the payment agreement as outlined below.
- 4. All payment agreements shall comply with the following minimum requirements:
  - a. The payment agreement shall have a term of five (5) years; provided, however, that nothing herein shall preclude the taxpayer from completing payments of the amount owed within a shorter period of time.



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- b. The payment agreement shall state the amount required to redeem the parcel as of the date of inception of the agreement, and will require an initial payment which must be at least twenty-five percent (25%) of that amount upon the execution of the agreement.
- c. The payment agreement will then require the taxpayer to pay the remaining balances and accruing interest due to the Town in equal monthly installments while also remaining timely with the real estate bill installments of the current fiscal year as they become due.
- 5. After the Town has received seventy-five percent (75%) of the total amount due at the inception of the payment agreement, but only if the taxpayer has complied with the terms of the agreement, the taxpayer shall be entitled to a credit of fifty percent (50%) of the accrued interest on the tax title account. No taxes or collection costs may be waived. This credit shall be applied against the final installment payment(s) due under the payment agreement.
- 6. During the term of the agreement, the Town Treasurer may not bring an action to foreclose the tax title unless payments are not made in accordance with the schedule set out in the payment agreement or timely payments are not made on other amounts due to the Town that constitute a lien on the same parcel.

## Submitted by Treasurer/Collector.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Town adopt a bylaw authorizing tax title payment plans in accordance with General Laws Chapter 60, Section 62A as written in the warrant.

The moderator declared the vote unanimous.

ATTEST:

Ane C. Jockwood

Diane C. Lockwood Town Clerk Notary Public, Justice of the Peace

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Quine C. Jockwood

Town Clerk, Millville MA

