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*Founded in 1895 as Junction
Renamed Hampton in 1909*

HAMPTON BOROUGH WATER COMPANY COVID-19 Relief Measures IMPORTANT MESSAGE:

COVID-19 RATEPAYER RELIEF MEASURES: Certain measures are in place providing relief to ratepayers experiencing economic hardship during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please review this message in its entirety. For more information please go to our website at www.hamptonboro.org or contact Linda Leidner, Water Clerk AT 908-537-2329 or email: hamptonboroclerk@hamptonboro.org.

SERVICE SHUTOFF MORATORIUM BE ADVISED that 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 until **January 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 until December 31, 2021. 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 INSTALLMENTS BE ADVISED that residents experiencing economic hardship during COVID-19 and who are behind on their 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 installments please call 908-537-2329 or email: hamptonboroclerk@hamptonboro.org.