

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Harriman is providing this notice to its residential water customers, small business water customers (as defined in subdivision 6 of § 32 of the Public Service Law), and non-residential customers whose account serves residential customers pursuant to the recently adopted amendments to §§ 32 and 89-1 of the New York State Public Service Law.

On March 7, 2020 Governor Andrew Cuomo issued a Covid-19 declaration of state of emergency (“Covid-19 Emergency”). The Covid-19 Emergency expired on June 24, 2021.

The Village will not place, sell or enforce any lien on the real property of a residential customer, a non-residential customer whose account serves residential premises, or a small business for the nonpayment of water bills, fees or other charges and no water bills, fees or other charges charged to such customers shall otherwise become a lien on real property, for 180 days after June 24, 2021, or until December 21, 2021, or at any time when a customer is in compliance with the terms of a deferred payment agreement entered into pursuant to subdivision four of § 89-1 of the Public Service Law. On and after December 21, 2021, water service will not be terminated, and no lien placed or enforced to such customers without providing the customer with 30-days notice of its intention to do so with a statement of customer rights.

If you are a residential or small business customer and have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the Covid-19 Emergency, your service may not be terminated for a period of 180 days after June 24, 2021, or before December 21, 2021, for water bill arrears, taxes, or fees owed to the Village, including arrears incurred during the Covid-19 Emergency.. and no lien on real property may be placed or enforced because of such arrears, taxes and fees during said period. Also, if you have experienced a change in financial circumstances due to the Covid-19 Emergency during the Covid-19 state of emergency, or for 180 days after June 24, 2021, you have the right to enter into, or restructure, a deferred payment agreement for water bills and fees, with no down payment, late fees or penalties.

You may demonstrate a change in financial circumstances for the purpose of taking advantage of the protections offered by the Public Service Amendments by delivering to the Village Clerk after the Covid-19 emergency expires or is lifted, a certification on a form provided by the Village, available at Village Hall, 12 Church St. Harriman, NY, or by contacting the Village Clerk at 845-783-4421 or by fax at 845-782-2016. If you want to enter into or restructure a deferred payment agreement after the expiration or lifting of the Covid-19 Emergency, then you may be asked to provide additional supporting documentation of your change in financial circumstances. The Village must make

reasonable efforts to contact customers who have demonstrated a change in financial circumstances due to Covid-19 state of emergency for the purpose of offering such customers a deferred payment agreement.

Implementation of these provisions does not prohibit the Village from recovering lost or deferred revenues after the lifting or expiration of the COVID-19 Emergency, provided that such means are not inconsistent with the Public Service Law. These provisions do not prohibit the Village from disconnecting service when it is necessary to protect the health and safety of customers and the public.