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COVID-19 UPDATE

Nineteen Additional Framingham Residents Test Positive for COVID-19, Bringing Total to 77; City Confirms Second Fatality Related to COVID-19

Late fees on Excise Bills delayed until May 4, 2020

- Nineteen more people test positive for COVID-19, and City confirms the second fatality attributed to COVID-19 in Framingham: The number of people in the City who have tested positive for COVID-19 is now 77. With 18 cases recovered and two fatalities, Framingham currently has 57 active cases. Following the guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Framingham Department of Health has not shared any additional information about those who have tested positive because of privacy laws. The Department is in contact with the people who were potentially exposed to the positive cases and the owners of the businesses or places of employment where the potential exposures occurred to inform and counsel them on next steps.
- Late Fees on Excise Tax Bills Delayed: Late fees on Excise Bills will be delayed until May 4, 2020. Paying excise taxes at the Kelley and Ryan Offices in Hopedale, MA, is no longer an option because they are closed to the public. Please find listed payment methods below:
 - Online at: https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/
 - By mailing in a payment to:

City Of Framingham Office of the Tax Collector PO Box 722

Reading, MA 01867

- Over the phone by calling City Hall Systems at 1-800-491-9788 (call times may be longer than expected due to limited staff)
- COVID-19 in Framingham: Information on COVID-19 in Framingham can be found at www.FraminghamMa.Gov/covid19, which is updated daily. Residents can find updates on the website, Facebook, and Twitter @Framingham_MA. If there is an urgent update, the City will employ the City's "Alert Framingham" system, otherwise known as reverse 911. To sign up for the City's reverse 911 (Rave) system, please go here: https://www.smart911.com/