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THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEREBY ORDAINS:

§ 1. That sections 26-361, 26-362, and 26-430 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2020) is hereby **amended** and reordained as follows:

Sec. 26-361. Due date; payment without penalty; interest chargeable on delinquent taxes.

(a) Taxes levied on real estate shall be due and payable on the first day of the tax year for which they are levied. Such taxes may be paid without penalty during the year for which they are levied if one-half of such taxes are paid on or before January 14 of that year and the remaining one-half of such taxes are paid on or

before June 14 of that year.

(b) The Collector shall give notice of each due date for real estate taxes by publication as required by Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3911 and in addition, the Department of Finance shall as soon as reasonably possible in each year, and not later than 45 days prior to each due date for both first and second half of the taxes, send or cause to be sent by United States mail to each taxpayer assessed with taxes and levies for that year a bill setting forth the amount due, with such mailing provided to the taxpayer at the last known address.

(c) Whenever any taxpayer shall fail, refuse or neglect to pay the installment of taxes on or before the due date, there shall be added to the installment of taxes a penalty of ten percent thereof.

(d) Whenever an installment of such taxes is not paid on or before the due date, such unpaid taxes on the following day shall be deemed to be delinquent. Interest on such unpaid taxes shall be charged annually thereon at the rate of ten percent from the day following the due date pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3916.

(e) Except as provided otherwise in Section 26-362, this section shall not apply to taxes on real estate assessed for taxation by the State Corporation Commission.

Sec. 26-362. Due date when assessed by State Corporation Commission; penalty; rates of interest chargeable on delinquent taxes.

(a) Taxes levied on real estate assessed for taxation by the State Corporation Commission shall be due and payable on the first day of the tax year for which they are levied. The Department of Finance shall as soon as reasonably possible in each year, and not later than 45 days prior to each due date for both first and second half of the taxes, send or cause to be sent by United States mail to each taxpayer assessed with taxes and levies for that year a bill setting forth the amount due, with such mailing provided to the taxpayer at the last known address. Credit on account of such taxes will be allowed during the year for which they are levied by payment of one-half of such taxes on or before January 14 of that year and of the remaining one-half of such taxes on or before June 14 of that year of the amount of taxes paid or levied for the preceding tax year. When the assessment of such real estate is made by the State Corporation Commission and the assessment is certified

to the Assessor, the taxes due and payable shall be computed. If the payment made on account of the taxes exceeds the amount of the taxes so computed, the excess shall be refunded to the taxpayer. If the payment made on account of the taxes is less than the amount of the taxes so computed, the deficit may be paid by the taxpayer without penalty within 30 days after the taxpayer is given notice thereof. If the deficit is not paid within such 30 days, a penalty of ten percent of the amount of the deficit shall be added thereto.

(b) Whenever any such taxpayer shall fail, refuse or neglect to pay any installment of taxes paid or levied for the preceding tax year on or before the date on which such installment is due, there shall be added to the amount of the taxes for the current year, when computed, a penalty of ten percent to be retroactive to the respective due date in the year in which levied.

(c) Whenever an installment of the taxes so computed is not paid by the due date, such unpaid taxes shall be deemed to be delinquent. Interest on such unpaid taxes shall be charged thereon at the rate set forth in Section 26-361 from the day following the due date pursuant to Code of Virginia, § 58.1-3916.

Sec. 26-430. Penalty.

(a) Whenever any taxpayer shall fail, refuse or neglect to pay any property taxes levied under Sections 26-458 and 26-460 on or before June 5 or within 60 days of acquiring a tax situs in the City in the year for which they are levied, there shall be added a penalty of ten percent of the total taxes due or $10.00, whichever is greater. In no case shall the penalty exceed the amount of the tax. The Collector shall send a bill to the taxpayer at such taxpayer's last known address not later than 45 days before the due date.

(b) Whenever any person shall fail, refuse or neglect to pay any tangible personal property or machinery and tools taxes levied under Section 26-459 on or before June 5 of the tax year, there shall be added a penalty of ten percent of the taxes due or $10.00, whichever is greater. In no case shall the penalty exceed the amount of the tax. Any tax remaining unpaid, in whole or in part, 60 days after the due date of each year shall incur an additional penalty of five percent of the tax due and unpaid. The Collector shall send a bill to the taxpayer at such taxpayer's last known address not later than 45 days before the due date.

(c) If any person shall fail, refuse or neglect to remit to the collector any taxes required to be collected and paid under Articles VIII through X and XVII of this chapter within the time and amount specified, there shall be added to such tax a penalty of ten percent or $10.00, whichever is greater. In no case shall the penalty exceed the amount of the tax.

§ 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

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