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CITY EXTENDS DELINQUENT TRASH FEE AMNESTY PROGRAM

Chester, PA – Mayor Butler and Chester City Council have extended the delinquent trash fee amnesty program by an additional 90 days. Chester homeowners can pay the principal amount due for past years of trash collection service or enter into a payment plan with the City up until **November 13, 2009**.

“My colleagues on Council and I are seeking to minimize any unnecessary hardships on Chester residents by extending the amnesty program,” said Mayor Wendell N. Butler. “We believe that this program strikes a fair balance between what is owed and what residents are able to pay,” said Mayor Butler.

As part of the amnesty program, Chester residents who received past due billings may be eligible to have the penalties and interest indicated on that bill forgiven. In addition, those who have a hardship in paying for the past services received may be eligible to enter into a payment plan with the City by contacting the Treasurer’s Office at 610-447-7801. If residents are struggling to pay their current year real estate taxes/trash fees, they can also contact the Treasurer’s Office who will accept partial payments during the course of the year.

“It is our hope that through this amicable extension, all eligible Chester homeowners who reside in the property will have the opportunity to take full advantage of the amnesty program,” said Councilwoman Willie M. Wells, Director of Accounts & Finance, “Since its enactment, the program has proven to be successful and beneficial to those who enter into a payment plan with the City,” said Councilwoman Wells.

The City already exempts senior citizens, age 65 and older who make less than \$15,000 per year, from paying the trash collection fee. Senior citizens must apply for this exemption each year through the Treasurer’s Office.

For any further questions about trash fees or the City’s amnesty program, please contact the Treasurer’s Office at 610-447-7801.

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