

RESOLUTION No. R-2020-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL LATE FEES IMPOSED FOR LATE PAYMENT OF WARD WATER BILLS, AND TO SUSPEND SHUTTING OFF WATER FOR NON-PAYMENT DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, in response to the COVID-19 crisis, has declared a National Emergency; and.

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WARD, in response to the COVID-19 crisis and understanding the economic impact this crisis may have on some, desires not to impose additional burdens upon its Ward Water and Wastewater customers during this crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARD hereby declares that the Mayor may – after the fact – implement the following:

SECTION 1: Any and all penalties (Late Fees) imposed by Ward Ordinance 2014-07, Section 5 are hereby waived from March 16, 2020 until 8:00 am, May 11, 2020. After 8:00 am on May 11, 2020, late fees will be imposed on any future water bills which are late. Late fees will not be imposed retroactively to March 16, 2020.

SECTION 2: No Ward Water customer will have their water shut-off for non-payment from March 16, 2020 until 8:00 am, May 11, 2020. After 8:00 am on May 11, 2020, any accounts may be subject to be shut-off for non-payment.

SECTION 3: It is the express understanding of this governing body and Ward Water and Wastewater customers that these actions **DO NOT** relieve the customer from paying their bill in a timely manner. The Ward Water Office will work with customers to develop a payment plan which will allow payment over a time period.

Said resolution has been properly introduced and the vote was:

PASSED YEAS 6 NAYS 0

DATE: April 20th, 2020

APPROVED:

ATTEST:



Charles Gastineau, Mayor



Courtney Ruble, City Clerk

City Seal

