

RESOLUTION No. R-2026-09

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL DISCONNECT FEES IMPOSED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF WARD WATER BILLS, AND TO SUSPEND DISCONNECTING WATER ACCOUNTS FOR NON-PAYMENT DUE TO WINTER STORM FERN**

WHEREAS, WINTER STORM FERN, hit central Arkansas early on January 24, 2026, and as predicted, blanked the area with thick ice, snow and sleet; and,

WHEREAS, ON JANUARY 23, 2025, MAYOR GASTINEAU, in anticipation of the magnitude of the storm, suspended water account disconnects that were subject to be disconnected the following week for non-payment. This action was necessary to ensure the safety of our water operators and customers alike.

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 disconnect fees imposed by Ward Ordinance 2024-27, Section 6 are hereby waived from January 26, 2026 until the next billing cycle.

**SECTION 2:** No Ward Water customer will have their water shut-off for non-payment from during this time period.

**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, if eligible.

SAID RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON 2-17-26

Voice Vote: YEAS: 5 NAYS: 0 OR;

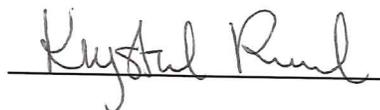
Roll Call Vote: YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_ NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_

Brooke \_\_\_\_\_, Chapman \_\_\_\_\_, Hall \_\_\_\_\_, Hefner \_\_\_\_\_, McMinn \_\_\_\_\_, Ruble \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED:

  
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Charles Gastineau, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Krystal Rummel, City Clerk

