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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LATE FEES ON SEWER SERVICE, STORMWATER UTILITY, AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES BY THE CITY OF APPLETON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

(Utilities Committee – 7/21/2020)

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Evers, by Executive Order #72, declared a public health emergency in Wisconsin due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the public health emergency, all schools and non-essential businesses have been temporarily closed, and the Governor has issued a “Stay safer at home order” on March 24, 2020 to slow the spread of the virus in the community, reduce the demands on the healthcare system, and to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the community-wide closures and stay home orders, many City residents and City utility customers are facing lost or reduced incomes and economic uncertainty; and,

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Governor issued Emergency Order #11, suspending certain administrative rules of the Public Service Commission (PSC), and allowing the PSC to authorize regulated utilities, including the Appleton Water Utility, to suspend late charges, which the PSC has done; and,

WHEREAS, the City’s municipal services, including those provided by the Water Utility, the Stormwater Utility, sewer service along with solid waste collection charges, are billed as part of one municipal service bill, which is prepared and collected by the Water Utility; and,

WHEREAS, in an action consistent with the Governor’s Order and the PSC’s authorization to suspend certain utility late charges, the Common Council desires to enact an ordinance temporarily suspending late charges on sewer service charges as set forth in Sec. 20-207(b) of the Appleton Municipal Code, Stormwater Utility charges as set forth in Sec. 20-236(f), and solid waste collection charges as set forth in Sec. 15-41(a), which ordinance will allow the Water Utility to suspend all late charges on the municipal service bill during the public health emergency.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ~~during the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency declared in Executive Order #72, or pursuant to any subsequent superseding emergency orders issued by the Governor,~~ the late charges for sewer service, Stormwater Utility and solid waste collection are hereby suspended until November 16, 2020.

Section 2: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately.

Dated: August 5, 2020

Jacob A. Woodford, Mayor

Kami Lynch, City Clerk

Publication Notice

Please take notice that the City of Appleton enacted ordinance 94-20 AMENDING ORDINANCE 70-20 SUSPENSION OF LATE FEES ON SEWER SERVICE, STORMWATER UTILITY, AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES BY THE CITY OF APPLETON IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE STATE OF WISCONSIN.

The full text of the ordinance may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, 100 N. Appleton Street, Appleton, WI 54911 and through the City's website at www.appleton.org.