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BILL NO. 3846

ORDINANCE NO. 2986

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND MUNICIPAL WATER SERVICE TURN-OFFS AND WAIVE ALL FORFEITURES OF WATER SERVICE SECURITY DEPOSITS AND RE-CONNECTION FEES FOR MUNICIPAL CUSTOMERS WHO ARE DELINQUENT IN THE PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER BILLS DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHARLESTON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Temporary Suspension of Water Turn-Offs & Waiver Forfeitures, Etc. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to temporarily suspend all municipal water service turn-offs and waive all forfeitures of water service security deposits and re-connection fees for all customers who are or become delinquent in the payment of municipal water and sewer bills due to the COVID-19 Virus pandemic. This temporary authorization shall expire and terminate as set forth in Section 4 below.

SECTION 2. Conflicting Ordinance Temporarily Modified/Waived. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby temporarily modified and their enforcement waived pending the expiration of this ordinance as provided below.

SECTION 3. Severance. The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable so that if any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance shall be declared invalid for any reason whatsoever, such decision shall not affect or invalidate the remaining portions of this ordinance which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. Expiration Date. The powers and provisions created and set forth in this ordinance shall expire and terminate at the end of sixty (60) days following the date this ordinance is enacted, or upon the Mayor's written termination of the Declaration of Emergency dated March 24, 2020, whichever event first occurs, automatically and without further notice or City Council action required, unless the City Council enacts a subsequent ordinance to extend the powers and provision of this ordinance.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

COPIES OF THIS ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN MADE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION PRIOR TO ITS CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL, AND THE SAME HAS BEEN READ TWO (2) TIMES BY TITLE AS REQUIRED BY SEC. 77.080 RSMo.

THE FOREGOING ORDINANCE IS PASSED BY A MAJORITY OF THE COUNCIL ON THIS 12th DAY OF MAY, 2020.

PRESIDING OFFICER

ATTEST:

STEFANIE SELF, CITY CLERK

APPROVED on this 12th day of May, 2020.

JACKIE WHITESIDE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

STEFANIE SELF, CITY CLERK