

COVID 19

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-001

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ISSUED BY **MAYOR JOHN MARK FRANCIS** BY THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF DEPORT, TEXAS, WAIVING THE IMPOSITION, SHUT-OFF, OR COLLECTION OF LATE FEES FOR MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING THAT SUCH WAIVER SHALL EXPIRE AFTER SIXTY (60) DAYS FROM THE DATE THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Texas, the County of Lamar, Texas and the City of Deport, Texas declared a Declaration of Disaster in response to the occurrence of widespread and severe damage resulting from COVID-19 in the City of DEPORT, Texas; and,

WHEREAS, after due diligence and deliberation, the City Council of the City of DEPORT has determined that as part of its continued efforts in hurricane recovery, that it is within the public interest to waive the imposition or collection of late fees normally assessed users of the City's municipal water, water, sewer, garbage collection and drainage systems; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE POWER VESTED IN THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DEPORT BY THE EMERGENCY DECLARATION DATED MARCH 23, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEPORT, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

SECTION 2. The City Council of DEPORT, Texas, hereby waives the imposition and the collection of late fees for users of the City of DEPORT's municipal water, sewer, garbage collection and drainage systems for a period of sixty (60) days, from MARCH, 2020 and until JUNE, 2020; and,

SECTION 3. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

SECTION 5. In accordance THAT this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately, upon APRIL 13, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LISA MARTIN
CITY SECRETARY

I, MAYOR JOHN MARK FRANCIS, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance issued under the Disaster Declaration by the City of Deport at its regular meeting held on the 23rd day of March, 2020, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Deport this 13 day of April, 2020.


MAYOR JOHN MARK FRANCIS

