

RESOLUTION NO. R2020-41

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF BURNET AMENDING AN ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROGRAM PROVIDING COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS PUBLIC UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE BY AUTHORIZING ASSISTANCE FOR THE AUGUST UTILITY BILLING CYCLE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article III, Section 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code, City Council established a program to provide public utility payment assistance to commercial customers by Resolution No R2020-18 for the May billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, City Council extended the Program to provide public utility payment assistance to commercial customers by Resolution No R2020-26 to provide assistance for the June billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, City Council extended the Program to provide public utility payment assistance to commercial customers by Resolution No R2020-34 to provide assistance for the July billing cycle; and

WHEREAS, certain local businesses are still experiencing significant revenue loss and/or cost increases due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the governor's shelter in place orders; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to extend the adopted Program to stimulate business and commercial activity within the city limits by providing struggling businesses with utility payment assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, THAT:

Section one. Findings. The foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section two. Program amended. The Commercial Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program is hereby amended by adding to Section (4) (entitled "Program term") a new Subsection (d) to read as follows:

- (d) **Phase four. Phase four shall apply to the August, 2020, billing cycle. Applications for this phase will be accepted until September 21, 2020, from Customers who have not received assistance under the May, June or July Program. Customers who are recipients of assistance for the May, June, or July billing cycles shall automatically be eligible to receive assistance under the August Program. Customers who meet the Program qualification requirements, shall be eligible to receive the utility credit; provided the Customer is both: (i) current on, or on an approved payment plan for, their pre-August billing utility account; and (ii) has made payment of the**

Customer's 50% portion of their August utility bill on or before September 30, 2020. After September 30th Phase Four of the Program shall close.

Section three. Program amended. The Commercial Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program is hereby amended by amending Section (6) in its entirety to read as follows:

- (6) **Maximum Grant Amount.** Grants shall be in the form of a credit of 50% of a recipient's electricity, water, sewer, garbage and recycling services charges incurred during the four utility billing cycles occurring during the term of the Program. The maximum grant credit amount for any applicant shall not exceed \$12,500.00.

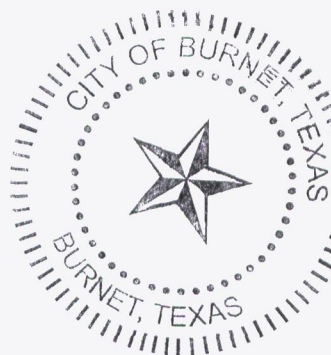
Section four. No other Program amendments. All other terms and conditions of the Commercial Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program established by Resolution No. R2020-18, as amended by Resolution No. R2020-26 and R2020-34, shall remain in full force and effect.

Section five. Authorization. The City Manager is authorized to manage all aspects of the Program; and, is authorized and directed to take those actions that are reasonably necessary to facilitate the purpose of this Resolution.

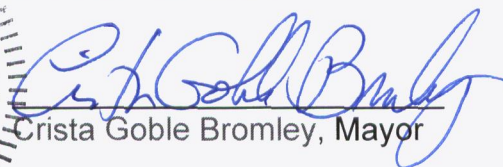
Section six. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act, as modified by the governor's orders in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section seven. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect upon approval and adoption by City Council.


PASSED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE this the 8th day of September, 2020.



CITY OF BURNET


Crista Goble Bromley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly Dix, City Secretary