RESOLUTION R2020-42

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CUSTOMER PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BY AUTHORIZING UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR THE AUGUST BILLING CYCLE FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2020, City Council established the Residential Utility Customer Payment Assistance Program to provide a grant of 50% of the utility bill amounts for the April and May billing cycles for residential customers significantly adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2020, City Council extended the Program to cover the June utility billing cycles; and

WHEREAS, on August 11, 2020, City Council extended the Program to cover the July utility billing cycles; and

WHEREAS, due to the continued impact of the pandemic, City Council deems it in the public interest and necessity to extend the Program to cover the August utility billing cycle.

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

Section one. Findings. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

Section two. **August Program Adopted**. The August Billing Residential Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program, attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes, is hereby adopted.

Section three. 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 four. Severability. The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section 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 that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions are severable.

Section five. Notice. This Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity.

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 immediately from and after its issuance.

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

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

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ATTEST:

Kelly Dix, City Secretary