

RESOLUTION NO. R2021-08

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, DIRECTING A MODIFICATION IN THE CHAPTER 110 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ASSIST CUSTOMERS WHO TOOK REMEDIAL MEASURES OR EXPERIENCED WATER PIPE BURSTING DURING THE FEBRUARY WINTER STORM EVENT.

Whereas, pursuant to Section 110-73(a) sewer charges are calculated based on the average water use during the winter months of December, January, and February; and

Whereas, during the period between February 11 and February 19 of this year Burnet experienced record low temperatures and unprecedented snow events; and

Whereas, to protect water pipes from freezing many customers allowed water faucets to drip during this winter storm event; and

Whereas, during this winter storm event some customers unfortunately experienced frozen pipes that burst after thawing; and

Whereas, the aforementioned remedial actions and pipes bursting caused water usage to be much higher this February than it would have but for the winter storm event; and

Whereas, City Council determines it is beneficial to the public, and equitable to those who were adversely impacted, to not include the February water use in the winter average this year, to waive volumetric charges for water consumption as the result of a water leak, and to waive late penalties for the February 2021 billing cycle.

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

Section 1. Findings. That the recitals to this Resolution are incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section 2. Modification to application of Section 110-73. For calendar year 2021 the charges for sewer service shall be based upon actual sewer use as measured by the average monthly water usage during the winter months of December and January but not February.

Section 3. Modification to Section 110-34. For the billing cycle including February 2021, customers with high water consumption due to leaks that were caused by the winter storm may request an adjustment to lower the amount of consumption to be equal to the amount used in January of 2021.

Section 4. Modification to Section 110-20. Late fees shall not be assessed for the February 2021 billing cycle (bills due March 20, 2021).

Section 5. Payment Plans. The City Manager is hereby authorized to allow customers with unusually high bills due to the winter storm to setup a payment plan, not to exceed three months in duration. The amount eligible to be included in the payment plan shall be limited to the difference in the customers February 2021 bill and their January 2021 bill.

Section 6. Administration. The City Manager is hereby authorized to develop rules to efficiently implement this resolution.

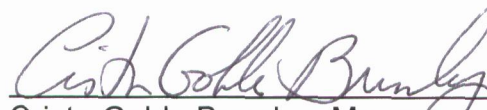
Section 7. Subsequent years. For calendar year 2022, and each year thereafter, Section 110-73 shall remain in full force and effect as codified until amended by ordinance.

Section 8. 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 9. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 9th day of March, 2021.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS


Crista Goble Bromley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Kelly Dix, City Secretary

