

RESOLUTION 2020-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA SUSPENDING THE PORTION OF SECTION 3-5-100 PERTAINING TO DELINQUENT WATER AND SEWER CHARGES AND ASSOCIATED LATE FEES, AND ALL OF SECTIONS 3-5-105, 3-5-110 AND 3-5-115 PERTAINING TO WATER SERVICE TERMINATION, DISCONNECTIONS DUE TO NON-PAYMENT, LATE NOTICES, AND RECONNECTION FEES DURING THE STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO THE COVID 19 VIRUS

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom declared a State of Emergency for the State of California as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the County of San Benito declared a State of Emergency on March 6, 2020, regarding the COVID-19 Virus. Included in the County's declaration is an aggressive order by the County Public Health Official to all residents ordering them to shelter in place to reduce the spread of the COVID-19 Virus; and

WHEREAS, the City Council at its meeting March 17, declared a State of Emergency in San Juan Bautista; and

WHEREAS, following orders from the Governor's Office, the California Public Utilities Commission, ("CPUC") issued a press release announcing to all utility companies to halt the disconnection of utilities and related charges during the State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, it has been recognized that the "shelter in place" actions are the best actions a community can take to slow the spread of the virus, but thus action has caused many businesses to close and residents to lose their jobs, causing an economic hardship; and

WHEREAS, the City feels that it is important for the citizens to have water service for the duration of the State of Emergency, and by suspending certain provisions in the municipal Code Section 3-5-100, and all of Sections 3-5-15, 3-5-110 and 3-5-115 will at least temporarily relieve the fiscal pressure on those severely impacted in the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED that the City Council concurs with the Governor and the CPUC and, therefore, is taking action to halt the disconnection of water services and related charges by suspending the following sections of the Municipal Code:

- A. 3-5-100- the portion pertaining to Delinquent Payments and late fees;
- B. 3-5-105 pertaining to Notice of Determination halting door knob hangers;
- C. 3-5-110 pertaining to the disconnection of water services;
- D. 3-5-115 pertaining to the reconnection of water services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the suspension of these charges is intended to last for the duration of the City's State of Emergency, as may be extended from time to time by Resolution of the City Council and these above referenced Sections of the Municipal Code will be automatically reinstated when the State of Emergency ends.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of San Juan Bautista on this 31st day of March 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: **Edge, Jordan, Freeman, DeVries, Flores**

NOES: **None**

ABSENT: **None**

ABSTAIN: **None**


Mary V. Edge, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laura Cent, City Clerk