

RESOLUTION R20-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR A PAYMENT PLAN FOR CUSTOMERS IMPACTED BY COVID 19 CRISIS; INSTITUTING PROCEDURES AND FORMS; ANNOUNCING AN APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Commission for the City of Fort Meade, Florida declared a Local State of Emergency on March 24, 2020;

WHEREAS, customers receive a consolidated utility bill that captures electric, water, sewer, and garbage services;

WHEREAS, a utility bill is mailed to each customer on a monthly cycle subject to late fees and cut-offs if it remains unpaid by a due date;

WHEREAS, our bond covenants prohibit providing free utility services;

WHEREAS, the City waived all late fees and cut-offs during the months of April and May;

WHEREAS, it is recognized that a Payment Plan must be offered for those customers who have been unable to pay either any or all of their March, April and May utility bills due to impacts from COVID 19 Crisis;

WHEREAS, a means by which a customer can become current on their March, April, and May utility bills must be instituted;

WHEREAS, a Payment Plan shall be offered for the months impacted by the COVID 19 Crisis, with a deadline for complete payment on those past due balances that are not subject to late fees, on or before September 30, 2020;

WHEREAS, it is the customer's responsibility to seek a Payment Plan from the City after due notice;

WHEREAS, there will be additional avenues for customers to seek financial assistance from qualified providers of COVID 19 Crisis relief funds;

WHEREAS, failure to pay those past due balances on or before September 30, 2020 will result in utility cut-offs;

WHEREAS; beginning with bills issued during the month of June, whose payment is due in July, the City will institute its late fees and cut-offs policy only for those billing cycles;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of Fort Meade City Commission does hereby adopt, approve, and institute a Payment Plan for customers impacted by the COVID 19 Crisis.

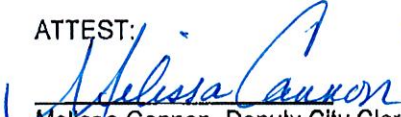
SECTION 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the governing board of the City Commission of the City of Fort Meade.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of and by the City Commission of Fort Meade, Florida, this 26th day of May 2020.

CITY OF FORT MEADE, FLORIDA


James Watts, Mayor

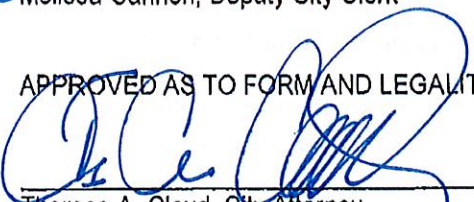
ATTEST:


Melissa Cannon, Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:


Danielle J. Judd, City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:


Thomas A. Cloud, City Attorney