

RESOLUTION NO. 16016

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY WAIVING LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES AND INTEREST FOR SOLID WASTE, WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 2022 THROUGH JUNE 2022 FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has created significant impacts to Redwood City residents and businesses with many businesses losing business, at risk of closing, and many residents experiencing reduced work hours or layoffs, especially in the service sector; and

WHEREAS, these financial impacts could result in a reduced ability to pay rent or mortgage payments, and increase risk of homelessness for individuals and families in Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, without stable housing, individuals and families could be forced into crowded living situations or become homeless, making them much more susceptible to contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, at the March 23, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to study the feasibility of deferring or eliminating late payment penalties for non-payment of City utilities; and

WHEREAS, at the April 6, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council directed staff to develop a resolution to waive late payment penalties for solid waste, water and sewer utilities for the period of March 2020 through August 2020 for residential and commercial customers, and return to the City Council in the fall with an update on the status of late payments and rate assistance usage to determine whether to continue to waive the late payment penalty; and

WHEREAS, at the April 27, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution temporarily waiving late payment penalties for solid waste, water and sewer utilities for the period of March 2020 through August 2020 for residential and commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, at the October 12, 2020 City Council meeting, the City Council extended this practice by adopting a resolution waiving late payment penalties and interest for solid waste, water and sewer utilities for the period of September 2020 through February 2021 for residential and for commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, at the February 22, 2021 City Council meeting, the City Council further extended this practice by adopting a resolution waiving late payment penalties and interest for solid waste, water and sewer utilities for the period of March 2021 through

December 2021 for residential and for commercial customers; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic crisis continues to negatively impact Redwood City residential and commercial utility customers; and

WHEREAS, an extension of the temporary waiver for an additional six months, from January 2022 through June 2022, of such penalties may continue to provide a small measure of relief for residential and commercial utility customers who may be adversely impacted by the economic circumstances as a result of the COVID-19 virus pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDWOOD CITY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct, are hereby incorporated herein by this reference as if fully set forth in their entirety, and constitute findings in this matter.

Section 2. The City Council hereby waives late penalties and interest on solid waste, water and sewer utility billing assessed between January 1, 2022 and June 30, 2022 for residential and commercial customers due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

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Passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Redwood City at a
Joint City Council/Successor Agency Board/Public Financing Authority Meeting
thereof held on the 10th day of January, 2022 by the following votes:

- AYES: Aguirre, Espinoza-Garnica, Gee, Howard, Reddy, Smith and Mayor Hale
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- RECUSED: None



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City

Attest:



Pamela Aguilar, CMC
City Clerk of Redwood City

I hereby approve the foregoing resolution this
10th day of January 2022.



Giselle Hale
Mayor of the City of Redwood City