

Introduced: April 13, 2020
Adopted: April 13, 2020
Effective: April 13, 2020

CITY OF CHARLOTTE

ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE TO SUSPEND APPLYING LATE FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES TO THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE.

THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE ORDAINS:

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the provisions of the Emergency Management Act, 1976 PA 390, as amended, MCL 30.401-421, and the Emergency Powers of the Governor Act of 1945, 1945 PA 302, as amended, MCL 10.31-33, issued an Executive Order, No. 2020-21, which put in place statewide temporary requirements to restrict public gatherings, and to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life; and

WHEREAS, this order substantially and severely limited the activities of the citizens of the State of Michigan to move normally and proceed with their daily activities by ordering the public to stay at home or at their place of residence and to prohibit in-person work that is not necessary to sustain or protect life; and

WHEREAS, said order took effect on March 24, 2020, at 12:01 a.m., and continues through April 30, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the activities of all institutions, including the City of Charlotte, have been substantially and severely restricted and have prevented the normal functioning of city government; and

WHEREAS, the members of the public have been, in many cases, unable to continue their normal daily activities, which has resulted in the closure of a number of businesses that prevents employees from traveling to, and performing their work, and in many instances, have caused many citizens to be laid off by their employers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Charlotte is empowered to protect the health, safety and welfare of all of its citizens and to take measures to ameliorate the adverse impacts caused by the necessary declaration of Executive Order No. 2020-21; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.3 of the Charter of the City of Charlotte provides for the adoption of an ordinance which is declared therein to be an emergency so that it may be introduced and adopted,

and be effective on the same date;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council hereby resolves and declares as follows:

1. Given the substantial interference in the lives of its citizens and the operation of many public and private institutions, it is hereby declared that this ordinance is an emergency order to preserve and protect the general welfare of the citizens of Charlotte.
2. All late fees as charged pursuant to Chapter 68-Utilities of the City Code are hereby waived, commencing with the March 2020 billing, until June 30, 2020.
3. Unless rescinded earlier, the provisions of this ordinance shall expire on June 30, 2020.
4. The City Council may amend or repeal this ordinance at any time.
5. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to waive the obligation of all water and sewer users to pay, when due, the water and sewer user fees as provided under the Code, and all water and sewer fees must be paid on or before June 30, 2020.
6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately pursuant to the provisions of Section 5.3 of the City Charter, and shall be published as provided by law.

The foregoing ordinance was moved for adoption by Council Member _____ and supported by Council Member _____, with a vote thereon being: YES(____), NO(____), at a regular meeting of the City Council held pursuant to the public notice in compliance with the Michigan Open Meetings Act, on the 13th day of April 2020. Ordinance No. _____ declared adopted this 13th day of April 2020, and is immediately effective as set forth herein.

Yvonne Ridge, Mayor

Ginger Terpstra, Clerk