

CITY OF MENDOTA

**EMERGENCY SERVICES DIRECTOR ORDER No. 20 – 02
RELATED TO HALTING THE ACCRUAL OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES ON
UTILITY BILLS DURING EMERGENCIES**

**DECLARATION OF THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE CITY
OF MENDOTA HALTING THE ACCRUAL OF ADDITIONAL CHARGES ON
UTILITY BILLS DURING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO COVID-19
(NOVEL CORONAVIRUS)**

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Mendota duly passed and adopted Resolution No. 20-18, proclaiming a local emergency in the City of Mendota in response to the continuing spread of COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided to me by Resolution No. 20-18, under the authority of Government Code sections 8610 and 8634 and Mendota Municipal Code section 2.44.060, I am empowered, upon declaration of a local emergency, to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency; provided, however, such rules and regulations must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, the City Council of the City of Mendota adopted Ordinance No. 20-05, which amended the Mendota Municipal Code to provide for the City Manager, acting as the Director of Emergency Services, to halt the accrual of additional charges on utility bills during a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with various statutes and regulations would prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, under the current conditions, immediate action is warranted and required to mitigate potential public calamity as a result of the effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the local emergency could foreseeably cause utility bill delinquency throughout the City of Mendota, causing citizens to accrue additional utility bill charges pursuant to Mendota Municipal Code Section 13.12.040, and eventually leading to eventual, undesirable utility shutoffs for inability and failure to pay growing, delinquent utility bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT SO ORDERED, that I, Cristian Gonzalez, as Director of Emergency Services, declare retroactively effective on March 16, 2020, that the accrual of additional charges (late fees) will be halted during the proclaimed local emergency related to COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus).

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this regulation shall remain in effect until such time that it is withdrawn, through written notice, by the Director of Emergency Services of the City of Mendota.

DATE AND TIME: April 2, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



Cristian Gonzalez, Director of Emergency Services

ATTEST:



Celeste Cabrera-Garcia, City Clerk

