

Resolution 2019 - 2

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO DEFER PAYMENT OF REFUSE SERVICE COLLECTION FEES BY FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WORKING WITHOUT PAY OR ON FURLOUGH DURING THE PARTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

WHEREAS, the United States government has been under partial shutdown since on or about December 22, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the cessation in funding affects hundreds of thousands of federal employees, who missed their first paycheck on or about January 11, 2019, and are working without pay or are on furlough; and

WHEREAS, University City is home to many federal employees and the City Council values the daily contributions made by these public servants; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of ensuring that residents of all income levels are able to afford basic services, including refuse collection service; and

WHEREAS, Municipal Code Chapter 230, Article III, lists the fees for refuse collection service, and if the fees are not timely paid, interest and penalties are imposed and refuse collection service is halted; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that during the partial shutdown all federal employees working without pay or on furlough continue to receive City refuse collection service and that any interest and penalties accruing on delinquent fees be waived, thereby allowing the employees to defer payment of the fees without consequence.

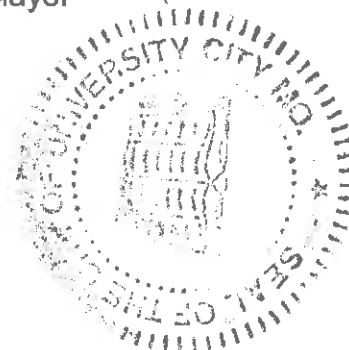
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that during the partial shutdown the City Manager is authorized to ensure that all federal employees working without pay or on furlough continue receiving City refuse collection service and that any interest and penalties accruing on delinquent fees be waived, thereby allowing the employees to defer payment of the fees without consequence.

Adopted This 28th Day Of January, 2019


Terry Crow, Mayor

Attest:


LaRette Reese, City Clerk





Council Agenda Item Cover

MEETING DATE: 1/28/2019

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Defer Payment of Refuse Service Collection Fees by Federal Employees working without pay or on furlough during the partial shutdown of the United States Government

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED? : Yes

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

The Federal government shutdown issue is affecting approximately 800,000 Federal workers across our nation. On January 24th, two bills failed in the Senate that was aimed at ending the impasse between Congress and President Trump and reopening the government. As a result of the bills failing, Federal workers will experience another missed pay period.

The attached resolution would authorize the City Manager to defer refuse bills for residents that can prove they are a Federal worker by showing their Federal I.D.

RECOMMENDATION: City Manager recommends approval.

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Draft Resolution 2019-2