

RESOLUTION NO. 6238(20)

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Lompoc, County of Santa Barbara, State of California, Extending the Declaration of Local Emergency Caused By COVID-19 and Extending the Moratorium on Utility Service Disconnections for Non-Payment and Waiver of Late Fees and Penalties on Utility Accounts

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 6310(20) proclaiming a local emergency relating to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 6310(20) requires the City Council to review the local emergency declaration at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 8630(c) also requires the City Council to review the need for continuing the local emergency at least once every 60 days until the City Council terminates the local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 8 of Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020, "Proclamation of a State of Emergency" waived the Government Code 60-day review requirement for the duration of the statewide emergency and declared that a local emergency proclamation will remain in effect until the local authority terminates its local emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council also approved a moratorium on City utility service disconnections for non-payment, and waived all late fees and penalties on commercial and residential City utility accounts beginning March 17, 2020, for 60 calendar days; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the proclamation of the local emergency, as well as the moratorium on disconnections and the waiver of late fees and penalties, because the conditions giving rise to these actions, as further described in the recitals of Resolution No. 6310(20), continue to exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The recitals are true and incorporated as finding herein.

SECTION 2. The proclamation of the state of local emergency due to COVID-19, as declared by the City Council in Resolution No. 6310(20) on March 17, 2020, is renewed and extended until such time as the City Council declares an end to the local emergency. The requirement that the need for continuing the local emergency shall be reviewed by the City Council at least once every sixty (60) days until the City Council terminates the local emergency, as stated in Resolution No. 6310(20), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. The moratorium on City utility service disconnections for non-payment, and the waiver of all late fees and penalties on commercial and residential City utility accounts, enacted by the City Council on March 17, 2020, is hereby extended until such time as the City Council declares an end to the state of local emergency.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution is effective on the day of its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was proposed by Council Member _____, seconded by Council Member _____, and was duly passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Lompoc at its regular meeting on May 5, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Member(s):

NOES: Council Member(s):

ABSENT: Council Member(s):

Jenelle Osborne, Mayor
City of Lompoc

ATTEST:

Stacey Haddon, City Clerk
City of Lompoc