

Agenda Item	Reenact Resolution for a Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance to Alleviate Financial Pressures as a Result of Covid-19
Date	May 18, 2020
Submitting Department	City Manager Finance Director
Recommended Action	Reenact the Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance section of the code and to alleviate financial pressures as a result of Covid-19
Strategic Vision Area and Strategy	All
Expenditure Required	No new expenditure required. We may see a reduction in interest and penalties paid.
Background Information	<p>On April 20, 2020 you approved an emergency ordinance to relieve financial pressures as a result of Covid-19.</p> <p>Under section §19-403 of the Winooski City Charter, the Council has the authority to adopt emergency ordinances to meet "a public emergency affecting life, health, property or the public peace." This section goes on to say "Every emergency ordinance shall expire and be of no further force and effect as of midnight on the 31st day following the date on which it was adopted, but this shall not prevent reenactment of the ordinance in the manner specified in this section if the emergency still exists." Today we are asking you to reenact this emergency ordinance for another 30 days.</p> <p><u>Resolution Intent:</u> The intent of this ordinance is to ease the financial burden our neighbors are facing as a result of Covid-19, while not putting new barriers in place to require demonstration of need, and encourage those who can to pay. To that end, it is assumed that all late payments are Covid-19 related and penalties and interest are waived for 30 days from due date.</p> <p>On May 14, 2020 the Governor signed S.344 that enables municipalities to reduce or waive interest fees on property tax payments. https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/S.344. This draft resolution includes a provision to waive interest.</p>
Supporting Documents	Emergency Ordinance Resolution and Draft Language
Interested Parties	All
City Manager Approval	

