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| Agenda Item | Reenact Resolution for a Chapter 30 Emergency Ordinance to Alleviate Financial Pressures as a Result of Covid-19 |
| Date | June 15, 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 and May 18, 2020 Council 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.” We are asking you to reenact this emergency ordinance for another 30 days for items.</p> <p>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>This iteration of the emergency ordinance continues the 30 day waiver of penalty and interest for the utility invoices due on June 15 and suspends utility disconnections for any balances still outstanding after the due date.</p> |
| Supporting Documents | Emergency Ordinance Resolution and Draft Language |
| Interested Parties | All |



**City Manager
Approval**

Janie Baker

