



Proclamation of Emergency Amended Rule No. 2

Emergency Amended Rule No. 2 - Postponing City Utility Shutoffs

1 WHEREAS COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus), is a respiratory disease that
2 can result in serious illness or death and is caused by a virus easily spread from
3 person to person; and

4 WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City Manager and the Mayor of
5 Tacoma, pursuant to Chapter 1.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code and Chapter
6 38.52 of the Revised Code of Washington ("RCW"), proclaimed that an emergency
7 exists caused by COVID-19 ("Proclamation") in the City of Tacoma; and

8 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Proclamation, the Mayor is authorized to issue
9 rules reasonably related to the protection of life provided, and such rules must be
10 confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the City Council; and

11 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma utilities (electricity, water, sanitary sewer,
12 storm water, and solid waste) provide vital necessities of life; and

13 WHEREAS the Mayor issued Emergency Rule No. 2, which was confirmed
14 by the City Council on March 17, 2020, postponing City utility shutoffs; and

15 WHEREAS Emergency Rule No. 2 is being amended to ensure that fees
16 are not charged by City of Tacoma utilities on balances incurred by utility
17 customers during the period of the emergency; and

18 WHEREAS, to protect the health and safety of the public, the City should
19 postpone utility shutoffs for nonpayment of utility rates, fees, and charges incurred
20 by customers during the period of the emergency and should not charge late fees
21 on balances incurred by utility customers during the period of the emergency; Now,
22 Therefore,

23 BE IT ORDERED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

24 Effective March 17, 2020, the City of Tacoma electricity, water, sanitary
25 sewer, storm water, and solid waste utilities shall postpone shutoff for nonpayment
26 of utility rates, fees, and charges for residential and commercial customers during
the term of the Proclamation of Emergency. Nothing in this Rule shall be construed
as forgiving, cancelling, or excusing the collection of utility rates, fees, and charges



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incurred by customers in the past, the present or in the future, with the exception that late payment fees will not accrue on balances incurred during the term of the Proclamation of Emergency.

Dated September 28, 2021

M Woodards
Mayor

Attest:

Doris Soum
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

William Fosh
City Attorney