

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON PROCLAIMING THAT ESSENTIAL CITY SERVICES WILL CONTINUE WITHOUT INTERRUPTION DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, the City of American Canyon ("City") and government entities at the international, Federal, state, and local levels are responding to the global outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19"); and,

WHEREAS, in response to COVID-19, the Governor of the State of California issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency on in response to COVID-19 on March 4, 2020, and issued Executive Order N-25-20 on March 12, 2020 and Executive Order N-28-20 on March 16, 2020, proclaiming temporary amendments to State law and regulations, including calling on the California Public Utilities Commission to monitor customer service protections for critical utilities, including but not limited to electric, gas, water, internet, landline telephone, and cell phone services; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the City's Director of Emergency Services issued the *Proclamation of a Local Emergency By the City of American Canyon Director of Emergency Services and Acknowledgement of a State Proclamation Declaring of a State of Emergency and Acknowledgement of a Federal Proclamation Declaring of a National Emergency* (P2020-001) (the "Proclamation") under the under the authority granted by Municipal Code Sections 2.48.040B, and 2.48.040G; and,

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2020-29, which ratified and continued the Proclamation; and,

WHEREAS, local governments, employers, organizations and individuals have been urged to take preventative actions to slow the spread of the virus and mitigate its effects, including observing good personal hygiene practices, social distancing, cancelling unnecessary travel and large gatherings, and working from home where possible; and,

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the state of emergency, members of the public should continue to have confidence in their local governments to continue to provide essential services; and,

WHEREAS, the City provides water, sewer, and recycled water services to residential and commercial customers and, in light of the measures taken to combat the spread of COVID-19, the City wishes to confirm to all members of the public that the City shall continue to provide these and other essential services without interruption; and,

WHEREAS, declaring that essential governmental functions will continue without interruption will prevent the spread of misinformation while actions continue to be taken to combat the spread of COVID-19, and waiving late fees and disconnection actions for non-payment will

protect public health and reduce the impact of those negatively impacted by business closures and those under self-isolation or engaging in social distancing; and,

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City will continue to provide its essential services without interruption during the COVID-19 pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, the City will also continue to work with the Napa County Health and Human Services Agency, the Office of Emergency Services, and other federal, state, and local partners to maintain a sustained response to COVID-19 and to implement additional tools and resources to protect the public health given the current state of the epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND PROCLAIMED by the City Council of the City of American Canyon, as follows:

1. That the City will continue operating its water, sanitary sewer, and recycled water services to ensure that all customers continue to receive uninterrupted services, including potable drinking water and sanitary sewer services.
2. That these water services will not be disconnected for non-payment during the emergency, and late fees will be waived. Payment for water service during the emergency is not suspended.
3. That emergency response services, including those of the American Canyon Police Department and the American Canyon Fire Protection District, will continue to operate for the protection of the life, property, and public health.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council of the City of American Canyon held on the 17th day of March 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Aboudamous, Joseph, Leary, Vice Mayor Oro, and Mayor Garcia
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None



Leon Garcia, Mayor

ATTEST:



Suellen Johnston, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William D. Ross, City Attorney