

NORWOOD, OHIO

Ordinance No. 25 20 20

**ORDINANCE EXTENDING TIME TO PAY RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS,
ORIGINALLY DUE BETWEEN MARCH 12, 2020 AND AUGUST 12, 2020, TO THE
LAST DAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THEIR DUE DATES,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Chapter 925 of the Norwood Codified Ordinances provides for the equitable billing and collection of money for potable water the City of Norwood purchases from the Greater Cincinnati Water Works, sewer services provided through the Metropolitan Sewer District and waste and recyclable materials collection services provided by the City's contract with Rumpke, from people who use these services within the City of Norwood; and

WHEREAS, residential water, sewer, and waste collection services are currently billed quarterly, so that, for example, water meter readings taken, or estimated, in January are billed in early March, and due March 12, and if those quarterly bills are not paid on time, a penalty is also assessed to the unpaid bills; and

WHEREAS, the onset of the novel corona virus (COVID-19) pandemic this year and the State of Ohio's efforts to slow the spread of this disease, to which most Ohioans seem to have little to no immunity, including legal orders by the Director of the Ohio Department of Health to stay at home between March 23, 2020 and May 1, 2020, have been highly disruptive to many Norwood residents' abilities to earn their livings, and to pay their household bills; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Norwood desires to provide some relief from the economic burden of the COVID-19 pandemic on Norwood residents by extending time to pay residential utility bills to the City of Norwood, while still recognizing that the City of Norwood has the duty to itself pay for potable water from Cincinnati, to bill for sewer services, and to pay Rumpke for waste and recyclable materials collection; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Norwood, State of Ohio, that:

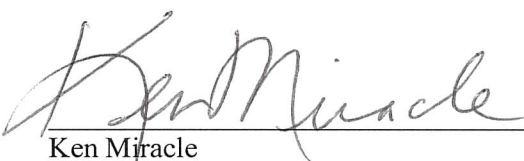
SECTION 1. Residential users of water, sewer, recycling and waste collection services within the City of Norwood are hereby granted an extension to pay their quarterly water bills, due from March 12, 2020 through August 12, 2020, without penalty, to the last day of the month following the date the bill is normally due. For example, water bills normally due March 12, 2020 may be paid through the last day of April, 2020, without penalty.

SECTION 2. If any residential user of water, sewer, recycling and waste collection services within the City of Norwood pays a penalty for late payment when such payment has been made as permitted in Section 1 of this ordinance, the Water Department shall credit the penalty paid to the balance of that residential user's next quarterly bill.

SECTION 3. If, during the grace period allowed by this ordinance, a residential user enters into a payment plan with the Water Department to pay a bill, the Water Department shall not charge a penalty for that service period, if the bill is fully and timely paid in accordance with that payment plan.

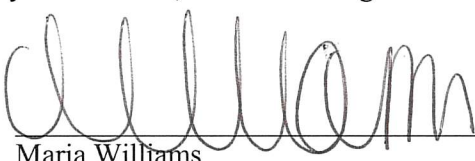
SECTION 4. This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance and measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare, and shall go into effect forthwith. The reason for said emergency is to allow the extensions of time to pay the utility bills due from March 12, 2020 through August 12, 2020, through the last day of the following month, without penalty.

PASSED 4-15-2020
Date



Ken Miracle
President of Council

ATTEST:

Maria Williams, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 15th day of April, 2020, in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing ordinance was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the 16th day of April, 2020.

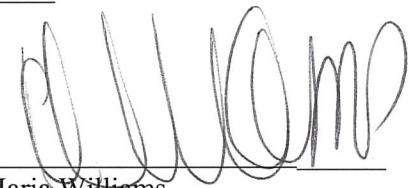

Maria Williams
Clerk of Council

APPROVED 22 Apr 20
Date


Victor Schneider
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Maria Williams, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this ordinance was published in the The Enquirer on Apr 17, 2020 and May 4, 2020.
(Name of Newspaper) (date) (date)


Maria Williams
Clerk of Council

1st Reading _____
Date

2nd Reading _____
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3rd Reading _____
Date

All 3 Readings 4-15-2020
Date

Tabled _____
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Vetoed _____
Date