



ORDER OF SUSPENSION NO. 21-01

FOR

THE CITY OF LEWISTON

UTILITY LATE FEES

JANUARY 12, 2021

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) a pandemic;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for the country in response to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases within the U.S.;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Idaho Governor Brad Little declared a state of emergency for the State of Idaho in response to concerns that cases of COVID-19 were imminent in Idaho;

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Mayor Michael Collins, with the approval of the City Council, through Resolution 2020-14, declared a local disaster emergency exists in the City of Lewiston due to the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 and appointed the Lewiston City Manager as the Director of Civil Defense;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Lewiston City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4774, which amended and enacted various sections of Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code related to disasters and Civil Defense;

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2020, the Lewiston City Council adopted Ordinance No. 4779, which amended Lewiston City Code § 1-7 regarding past due civil monetary penalties, repealed Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code titled "Civil Defense," and enacted a new Chapter 12 of the Lewiston City Code titled "Civil Defense and Public Health Emergencies";

WHEREAS, pursuant to Lewiston City Code § 12-22, the Director of Civil Defense has the authority to suspend City ordinances and resolutions, or portions thereof, as the Director deems necessary and advisable given the specific public health emergency and in consideration of the health of City employees and the general public;

WHEREAS, there is and will be significant potential for economic hardship during and following the COVID-19 pandemic, which hardship will likely affect the ability of citizens of the City of Lewiston to timely pay utility bills for water, wastewater, and solid waste; and

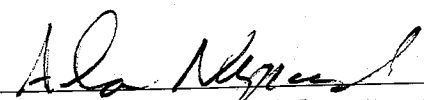
WHEREAS, temporarily suspending City ordinances and resolutions requiring late fees for water, wastewater, and solid waste services is necessary and advisable to help alleviate economic hardships facing citizens of the City of Lewiston during this critical time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Alan Nygaard, City Manager and Director of Civil Defense of the City of Lewiston, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Lewiston City Code § 12-22, hereby order as follows:

1. **Suspension of Late Fees:** The late fees for water, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by the City of Lewiston are hereby suspended. As a result, no late fees shall accrue or be due and payable during the period this Order is in effect for failure to timely pay for water, wastewater, and solid waste services provided by the City of Lewiston; provided, however, customers shall continue to be billed for such services and shall be responsible for payment thereof.
2. **Notice of Order:** A copy of this Order shall be posted on or near the front door of Lewiston City Hall, on the City's website, and on the City's social media accounts. Additionally, a copy of this Order shall be e-mailed to all persons subscribed to the City's e-mail notification services and provided to the Lewiston City Council, the City Attorney, the Fire Chief, the Chief of Police, the Nez Perce Board of County Commissioners, the Nez Perce County Sheriff, the Nez Perce County Prosecutor, and all news media that have requested notification of such orders.
3. **Duration of Order:** This Order shall take effect on January 13, 2021 shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on March 22, 2021, or until it is rescinded, superseded, amended, or vetoed, or the City of Lewiston Declaration of Local Disaster Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs first.

ISSUED this 12th day of January, 2021.

DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE



Alan Nygaard, City Manager, City of Lewiston