

ORDINANCE NO. 649

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AMENDING SECTION 35 OF ORDINANCE NO. 230, AS PREVIOUSLY AMENDED, REVISING THE AMOUNT OF LATE FEES TO BE CHARGED ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, AND OTHER RELATED PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen (the “Governing Body”) of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, (the “Municipality”) having made due investigation therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, MISSISSIPPI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 35 of Ordinance No. 230 of the City of Long Beach, Mississippi, is hereby amended by addition of the following subsection (d):

(d) Suspension of assessment of Late Charge. During any state of emergency as declared by the Governor, the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of Aldermen in which disconnections of municipal utility services are prohibited by order of the Mississippi Public Service Commission, no late charges shall accrue on any account for the duration of such time as disconnections are prohibited.

SECTION 2. Effective Date: On March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of Mississippi issued his Proclamation declaring a state of emergency under his authority contained in Mississippi Code Annotated Section 33-15-11, in order to protect and provide for the public interest and general welfare of the citizens of the State of Mississippi due to the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States. Thereafter, on March 16th 2020, Mayor George L. Bass under authority of Mississippi Code §33-15-17, *et seq.* and §45-17-1, *et seq.*, Miss. Code Ann., and related statutes did find, proclaim and declare a local state of Civil Emergency in the City of Long Beach as of 12:00 noon CST, on March 16, 2020, as a result of the spread of Covid-19, a novel coronavirus, within Mississippi and the potential impacts thereof (illness, injury and death) which threaten the citizens of the City of Long Beach and Harrison County in the State of Mississippi. Thereafter, on March 17, 2020 the Governing Authorities of the City of Long Beach did ratify and affirm the said proclamation and further did confirm, extend and declare a “state of emergency” to protect the health and safety of persons as a result of the impending crisis.

Now, finding such state of emergency continues to exist as of the date hereof, and

it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Notwithstanding its immediate date of passage and effect the City clerk shall cause same to be published and enrolled as provided by law.

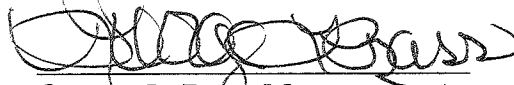
SO ORDAINED this 7th day of April 2020.

The above and foregoing was introduced in writing by Alderman Frazer who moved its adoption. Alderman Lishen seconded the motion to adopt the Ordinance, and after discussion, no member of the Board of Aldermen having requested the Ordinance to be read by the City Clerk, and the question being put to a roll call vote, the result was as follows:

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| Alderman Ronald Robertson | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Timothy McCaffrey, Jr. | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Kelly Griffin | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Bernie Parker | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Mark E. Lishen | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Patricia Bennett | voted | Aye |
| Alderman Donald Frazer | voted | Aye |

The question having received the Affirmative vote of all of the Alderman present and voting, the Mayor declared the motion carried and the resolution and order adopted and approved this 7th day of April, 2020.

APPROVED:


George L. Bass, Mayor

ATTEST:


Stacey Dahl, City Clerk