

RESOLUTION
Valley Township
Chester County, Pennsylvania
Resolution #2020-13

Waiver of Sewer, Water and Trash Bills Interest

WHEREAS, effective as of March 6, 2020, there were presumed positive cases of Coronavirus(COVID-19) confirmed in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania which was set forth in a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by the Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Wolf.; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 8 of 2020, the Board of Supervisors for Valley Township (the “Board”) declared a disaster emergency for Valley Township (“Township”), which was ratified at its regular public meeting on April 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the emergency has created financial hardship for many Township residents; and

WHEREAS, the water, sewer and trash services provided by the Township are billed on a quarterly basis; and

WHEREAS, the Township issued water, sewer and trash bills for January, February and March 2020 (the “First Quarter Bills”); and

WHEREAS, payment for the First Quarter Bills is due April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-106(5) of the Township’s Codes of Ordinances, states in regard to water services, “Bills remaining unpaid after the due date shall accrue interest charges until paid in accordance with the rate in the Schedule of Rates and Charges”; and

WHEREAS, Section 18-210(1) of the Township’s Code of Ordinances states in regard to sewer services, “The charges for sewer service shall be subject to a 10% penalty if not paid within 30 days after the date of the bill. If not paid within 60 days after the date of the bill, the bill plus the penalty shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of 10% per annum until paid and the Township shall have the right to cut off sewer service from the delinquent premises and not to restore the same until all delinquent bills against the same are paid, together with the cost of cutting off and restoring the service”; and

WHEREAS, Section 20-205 of the Township’s Code of Ordinances states in regard to trash services, “The charges for trash collection service shall be subject to a 10% penalty if not paid within 30 days after the date of the bill. If not paid within 60 days after the date of the bill, the bill plus the penalty shall bear interest from the due date at the rate of 1 1/2% per month or fraction thereof until paid and the Township shall have the right to cut off trash collection service from the delinquent premises and not to restore the same until all delinquent bills against the same and the cost of cutting off and restoring service shall have been paid”; and

WHEREAS, the Township's Non-Permit Fee Schedule, adopted April 23, 2019, sets forth an interest rate of 2% per month on water, sewer and trash bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the undersigned Board of Supervisors of Valley Township, do hereby resolve as follows:

1. The interest charges and 10% penalty set forth in the Township's Code of Ordinances and associated schedules for the First Quarter Bills, due on April 30, 2020 shall not accrue for the period of April 30, 2020 to July 31, 2020.
2. This Resolution does not impact the accrual of interest or other changes which may have accrued or are currently accruing on water, sewer or trash bills other than the First Quarter Bills.

ENACTED AND RESOLVED as of this 21st day of April, 2020. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Attest:

TOWNSHIP OF VALLEY

/s/ Janis Rambo
Janis Rambo, Township Secretary

BY: _____
Patrice Proctor, Chair

BY: /s/ Katharine O'Doherty
Katharine O'Doherty, Vice Chair

BY: /s/ Carmen Boyd
Carmen Boyd, Member

BY: _____
Christopher Lehenky, Member

BY: /s/ Sharon Yates
Sharon Yates, Member