

Special Call
R-19-07

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR NORTH LITTLE ROCK ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS WHO ARE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES WITHOUT PAY DUE TO THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas provides electric service to many customers who are employees of the federal government; and

WHEREAS, as of the filing of this legislation, the federal government has been shut down for more than twenty (20) days, leaving many federal employees and their families short of funds needed to pay their bills; and

WHEREAS, many federal employees are continuing to work each day without pay; and

WHEREAS, the North Little Rock City Council is authorized to establish rates and conditions of service for the North Little Rock Electric Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That the North Little Rock Electric Department is hereby authorized to grant a thirty (30) day payment extension without charge to any customer who satisfactorily demonstrates that he or she is an employee of the federal government and affirms that he or she has not received pay when due because of the government shutdown.

SECTION 2: That the North Little Rock Electric Department is hereby authorized to waive fees and penalties assessed for untimely payment against any customer who satisfactorily demonstrates that he or she is an employee of the federal government and affirms that he or she has not received pay when due because of the government shutdown.

SECTION 3: That the North Little Rock Electric Department shall establish reasonable procedures to verify a customer's eligibility for the benefits described in Section 1. Any forms used to implement this resolution must be approved by the City Attorney.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution shall be effective from and after **January 10, 2019** and shall terminate on **February 12, 2019** unless extended by City Council.

PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:



Mayor Joe A. Smith

ATTEST:

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Amy Beckman-Fields, City Attorney

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