



Legislation Text

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ITEM TITLE:

#19-07 - Authorizing City Administration to Defer Payments Due from Individual Federal Employees for City Services and to Waive Related Interest Charges for the Duration of any Federal Government "Shut-Down" Furlough Period in 2019.

SUBMITTED BY: Brian Carlson, Finance Director

FISCAL NOTES:

Expenditure Required: n/a
Unencumbered Balance: n/a
Funding Source: n/a

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

- This Resolution reflects consensus Council request to administration during the January 15th Council Meeting.
- Though the furlough is temporarily ended, Staff is forwarding this Resolution to Council in light of the possibility of another furlough period later in 2019.
- The proposed deferment and waiver applies to City Services such as utilities, Harbor slip leases, and Civic Center rentals. **It does not apply to property taxes.**
- To avoid interruption of regular, ongoing billing processes, staff requests the latitude to calculate and bill for payments due and related interest and penalties, and will retroactively defer/waive charges when presented with evidence of Federal employ.
- If/when this resolution takes effect, staff will advertise through traditional and social media outlets to ensure the program details are broadly disseminated.
- Because staff does not know in advance who qualifies for this proposed program, they have no data on the quantity and value of the deferrals and waivers.
- Citywide interest charges are 10.5% annually, pro-rated monthly, and therefore the following examples capture some of the proposed program's impact:
 - Utility fees are \$70 per quarter. Interest penalties on these late payments are

\$0.61/month.

- An average annual Harbor slip lease fee of \$1,000 will generate monthly interest fees of \$8.75.
- A banquet-hall party at the Civic Center costing \$1,500 will generate monthly interest fees of \$13.

Attachments: *Resolution Furloughed Federal Employees*