

RESOLUTION NO. 28-1

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN/MAYOR TO CHANGE WORK ARRANGEMENTS OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN ORDER TO REDUCE EXPOSURE TO COVID-19; WAIVING CREDIT CARD FEES FOR UTILITY PAYMENTS; SUSPENDING NEW LATE PENALTIES, WATER DISCONNECTS, AND WATER DISCONNECT FEES; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ISSUE A PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY OR DISASTER; AUTHORIZING STEPS NECESSARY TO QUALIFY FOR DISASTER RELIEF OR ASSISTANCE TO REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; AND TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCE OR PROVISION TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT

WHEREAS the world, the United States, and the State of Oklahoma are experiencing an unprecedented outbreak of the coronavirus that causes COVID-19, which has now been characterized as a pandemic;

WHEREAS COVID-19 is a readily-transmitted infectious disease that can cause severe illness and potentially death and for which the mortality rate appears to be significantly higher than seasonal influenza;

WHEREAS there is currently no vaccination or treatment approved by the Food Drug and Administration for use against COVID-19;

WHEREAS it is anticipated that the pandemic will stretch the health care system beyond its current capacity;

WHEREAS the best public health response is to slow the spread of the disease so that as few people as possible are infected at any given time;

WHEREAS the CDC and other governmental entities recommend social distancing techniques as one of the best means to slow the spread of the disease;

WHEREAS economic activity has significantly slowed because of steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 and many individuals and businesses no longer have a secure and stable source of income;

WHEREAS 11 O.S. § 37-102 authorize a municipality to do all things necessary and proper related to the municipal water supply;

WHEREAS the Trust Indenture for the Valliant Public Works Authority authorizes the Board of Trustees to conduct business on behalf of the PWA;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VALLIANT PUBLIC WORKS AUTHORITY THAT:

1. The Mayor/Chairman may change the business hours, business methods, location, shifts, work schedules, or other arrangements of PWA employees in order to reduce exposure of employees and the public to COVID-19 during a state of emergency.
2. Regarding the payment, collection, and enforcement of water, sewer, and/or sanitation bills owed by members of the public, the following rules and regulations shall be in place for the duration of the state of emergency related to the outbreak of COVID-19:
 - a. All fees charged the public for payment by credit card are waived;
 - b. New late penalties shall not be charged;
 - c. Water disconnects for nonpayment shall be suspended;
 - d. Water disconnect fees shall be suspended.
3. The Mayor/Chair is hereby delegated the power to issue a proclamation of emergency or disaster. The Mayor/Chair or other appropriate officials are authorized to take any other necessary steps to make the PWA eligible for federal or state disaster relief or assistance.
4. If the Mayor/Chair is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Vice Mayor/Chair may exercise the powers delegated herein. If the Vice Mayor/Chair is unable to fulfill his or her duties, the remaining Trustees may exercise the powers set forth herein.
5. Subject to Oklahoma law and the Trust Indenture, the Board may make emergency purchases.
6. The PWA shall in all ways comply with Oklahoma law. This Resolution shall not be construed or applied in a way that would violate Oklahoma law.
7. Any provision in another resolution, regulation, rule, or policy in conflict with the terms of this Resolution is hereby repealed to the extent, and only to the extent, of such conflict.
8. The provisions hereof shall be severable so that if any one provision is held void, invalid, or unlawful the remaining provisions shall be enforced to the maximum

extent of the law.

Adopted by the Board of Trustees this 27th day of March, 2020.

Carl Abbott Jr
Chairman/Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassandra Brewer
PWA Secretary

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Approved as to form and legality this 27 day of March, 2020.

James J. Lee
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