Executive Order directing the City of Ocean Shores Utility Billing department to take immediate action to assist small businesses, nonprofits, workers, and citizens most affected by the economic impacts of COVID-19

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WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee imposed additional restrictions prohibiting gatherings of more than 50 people and shutting down restaurants, bars, and entertainment and recreational facilities with the State if Washington; and

WHEREAS, this guidance is appropriate for public health reasons, but it has economic impacts on small businesses, nonprofit organizations, workers and citizens in Ocean Shores; and

WHEREAS, local businesses are experiencing severe revenue losses, dealing with lost business due to the Governor’s order; and

WHEREAS, these impacts are being felt across all industry sectors, including retail, restaurant, hospitality, transportation, arts and culture, and many more; and

WHEREAS, the employees of these business have been either laid-off or have had their hours greatly reduced which has economic impact to the individual and his or her family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Crystal Dingler, Mayor of Ocean Shores, hereby order the Ocean Shores Utility Billing Department to implement the following in order to provide relief to Ocean Shores’ small businesses, nonprofits, workers and citizens:

Section 1: Utility Relief

In order to provide economic relief for those impacted by COVID-19, the Ocean Shores Utility Billing Department shall temporarily suspend the accrual of late fees on past due balances on Ocean Shores utility bills until such time as legislation is passed confirming (or rejecting the suspension) by the Ocean Shores City Council at the next general or special council meeting.

Dated this 17th day of March, 2020

Crystal Dingler, Mayor
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WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I signed an Executive Order authorizing the temporary waiving of late fees on past due utility bills; and

WHEREAS, supplying water and responsibly treating the wastewater is vital in any health-related crisis; and

WHEREAS, the availability of potable water is critical under these circumstances and should not be interrupted for any reason.

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Section 1: Temporary Halt to Utility Shut-offs and Temporarily Reestablishing Utility Service to Those Previously Shut-off

Temporary Halt to Utility Shut-offs. City of Ocean Shores utility customer accounts facing a shut-off due to non-payment shall be kept on for customers who seek to establish payment plans with the City of Ocean Shores Utility Department.

Temporarily Reestablishing Utility Service to Those Previously Shut-off. For those City of Ocean Shores utility customers whose service has been shut-off due to non-payment shall be reestablished so long as they establish payment plans with the City of Ocean Shores Utility Department.
Expiration. This Executive order shall continue in effect until such time as legislation is passed confirming (or rejecting such continued service) by the Ocean Shores City Council at the next general or special council meeting.

Billing to Continue. In fairness to all customers, although water and sewer will continue to be provided even for customers delinquent on their bill, individual meters will continue to record usage, and bills will continue to be generated and delivered to customers.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2020

[Signature]
Crystal Dingler, Mayor