

RESOLUTION NO.

CITY OF PEORIA

Peoria, Illinois _____, 2021

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CONTINUED UTILITY DISCONNECTIONS IN ILLINOIS TO BE
A PANDEMIC SAFETY RISK

WHEREAS, a new and significant outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”), a novel severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among people through respiratory transmissions, emerged in late 2019; and,

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 to be a public health emergency and declared it a worldwide pandemic on March 11, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued a Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation declaring all counties in the State of Illinois as a disaster area on March 9, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency concerning the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, the Governor of the State of Illinois issued Executive Order 2020-10 entitled Executive Order in Response to COVID-19, and has issued many Executive Orders regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency since that date; and,

WHEREAS, restricting access to utilities based on ability to pay hinders the public efforts in regards to other priorities including COVID-19 containment and tracing; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois has the authority from 20 ILCS 3305 Sec 7 (12) to enact a mandatory moratorium on utility disconnections from all providers, including private corporations, municipal utilities, cooperatives, and all other utilities providers; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS, THAT:

Section 1. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as if said recitals were fully set forth.

Section 2. That there is a public health emergency caused by the contagious COVID- 19 virus.

Section 3. The public health emergency is related to the COVID-19 virus which is causing or anticipated to cause widespread impacts on the financial health of members of the community.

Section 4. That the City of Peoria declares the termination and disconnection of utility service by any utility provider, whether private for-profit, non-profit, public, or co-operative, for failure to pay for such service constitutes a pandemic safety risk until we have reached at least herd immunity and appropriated the Federal funds.

Section 5. That the City of Peoria calls on the Illinois Governor to enact a mandatory moratorium on utility disconnections without means-testing.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS THIS _____ DAY OF
April, 2021.

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXAMINED AND APPROVED

Corporation Counsel