

Resolution No. 33-20

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CERTAIN FINANCIAL RELIEF EFFORTS TO ASSIST THOSE IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 103 declares the State of New Jersey to be in a state of emergency as a result of the impacts and feared future impacts of COVID-19 on the State's communities; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 107 directs all residents to remain in their homes except for reasons deemed essential to their health and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 119 extends New Jersey's state of emergency and all Executive Orders adopted in whole or in part as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak so as to remain in full force and effect until otherwise ordered; and

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes the financial strain placed upon the communities it serves and its ratepayers as a result of these impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak and desires to implement certain financial relief efforts to assist those that it serves that are most affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority on this 16th day of April 2020 as follows:

- 1. The Authority hereby suspends the practice of water service shut offs as a result of non-payment of bills; and
- 2. The Authority hereby suspends the accruing of interest and penalties on currently past due bills and shall forbear from imposing such interest and penalty charges on bills that may become past due during the period that this suspension remains in effect; and
- 3. The Authority shall seek to accommodate customer hardships on a caseby-case basis through the implementation of payment plans for current and future outstanding balances that may accrue or continue to accrue during the period of this crisis.

Board Members

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Executive Director: Laura Cummings, P.E.

Superintendent: Kenneth A. Crawford, C.P.W.M.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the suspension of these collection practices and the implementation of these efforts to accommodate those impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until further or otherwise resolved by the Authority.

ATTEST:

ALEXIS BOZZA, Assistant Secre

Dated: April 16, 2020

THE SOUTHEAST MORRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

SAVERIO C. IANNACCONE, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the resolution adopted by The Southeast Morris County Municipal Utilities Authority on April 16, 2020, at a meeting duly convened of said Authority.

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ALEXIS BOZZA, Assistant

Dated: April 16, 2020