## CITY OF ORTING

## WASHINGTON

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, SUSPENDING UTILITY LATE FEES AND SHUT OFF FEES IN RESOLUTION 2022-09 2021 FEE SCHEDULE AMENDMENT FOR A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, the City of Orting is authorized under RCW 35A.11.020, 35A.63.100(2) and RCW 19.27.040 to require licenses for the conduct of business, permits for the construction of structures and improvements, and to impose fees to recoup the costs of processing and/or providing services; and

WHEREAS, the Orting Municipal Code (OMC), at various places, establishes the bases for the assessment and/or collection of such license, permit fees and service charges; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution 2022-09 adopting an amending the fee schedule for 2021; and

WHEREAS, the City is transitioning its online utility billing system over the next several months; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that suspending late fees and shutoff fees through the transition period is reasonable and necessary; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORTING, WASHINGTON, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1. Adoption of Fee Schedule</u>. The City of Orting hereby suspends the assessment of the utility late fee and shutoff fee provided for in Resolution 2022-09 between September 15, 2023 and November 15, 2023.

<u>Section 2. Severability.</u> If any section, clause or phrase of this resolution should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution.

<u>Section 3. Corrections Authorized</u>. The City Clerk is authorized to make necessary corrections to this resolution, including but not limited to correction of clerical errors.

<u>Section 4. Effective Date.</u> The fee schedule adopted by this resolution shall be effective upon its passage. An act consistent with the authority and prior to the effective date of this resolution is hereby ratified and affirmed.

RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON THE  $30^{\text{th}}$  DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

CITY OF ORTING

Joshua Penner, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Approved as to form:

Charlotte A. Archer, City Attorney

Inslee Best, PLLC