



## Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-003

### Suspending Delinquent Account Penalty

**Purpose:**

To suspend Delinquent Account Penalty charges contained in Schedule D of the Fees Resolution.

**Discussion:**

- I. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- II. On March 2, 2020, Mayor Thomas proclaimed a State of Emergency in the City of Monroe due to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- III. Pursuant to chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington and chapter 2.60 Monroe Municipal Code, Mayor Thomas has broad authority to issue, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulation on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property related to a proclaimed emergency.
- IV. The current COVID-19 emergency has resulted in financial hardship for many residents of Monroe.
- V. Continued access to utility services is especially important during a public health emergency.

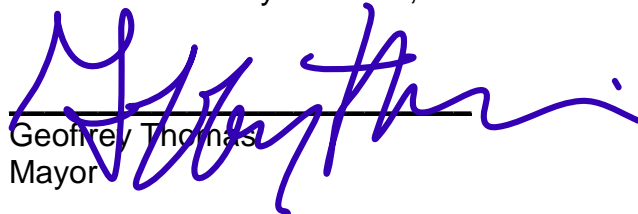
**Action:**

The Delinquent Account Penalty contained in Schedule D of the Fees Resolution shall not be charged on past due City of Monroe utility bills during this emergency.

**Effective:**

This Emergency Executive Order shall remain in effect until cancelled, suspended, or upon the issuance of a proclamation ending the emergency, whichever shall occur first.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020

  
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Geoffrey Thomas  
Mayor