

ORDINANCE NO. 2224

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS, IMPLEMENTING CERTAIN EMERGENCY POWERS UNDER A DECLARED STATE OF DISASTER RELATING TO THE 2021 WINTER STORM BY SUSPENDING CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO HASTEN RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE CITY.

Whereas, winter storm conditions have created historic prolonged freezing temperatures, ice and snow, and prolonged power outages for the City; and

Whereas, the winter storm conditions and power outages resulted in damages to local homes and businesses; and

Whereas, on February 18, 2021 the Mayor declared a local state of disaster; and

Whereas, the City Council would like to provide relief to residents who experienced damages due to the disaster; NOW THEREFORE:

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SUGAR LAND, TEXAS:**

Section 1. Determination of 2021 wastewater volume charge. That the 2020 wastewater volume charge will be used for the 2021 wastewater volume charge. A resident may request a review of their account to compare water consumption for February and March 2020 to water consumption for February and March 2021. If water consumption is lower in 2021, the City Manager or his designee is authorized to use the 2021 consumption for the 2021 wastewater volume charge.

Section 2. Adjustment to volumetric charges for utility billing. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to adjust the water and surface water charges on bills issued February 23 through March 29, 2021 for the service period covering the winter storm and resulting in an increase in consumption due to a leaking or broken pipe. To be eligible to receive this adjustment, customers will be required to show documentation of damages and repairs (such as receipts for service or materials or photos) to City staff in the Billing Department.

Section 3. Waiver of Notarization on Homestead Exemption Forms submitted with certain Permit Applications. That the notarization requirement of homestead exemption forms submitted with permit applications will be waived for repairs deemed necessary as a result of the 2021 winter storm.

Section 4. Issuance of Building Permits. That the City Manager or his designee is authorized to temporarily reduce or waive permit fees for repairs deemed necessary as a result of the 2021 winter storm.

Section 5. Building Permit Inspections. That the City Manager or his designee may determine that inspections of certain repairs conducted pursuant to a building permit issued for repairs deemed necessary as a result of the 2021 winter storm can be conducted by photographic submission.

Section 6. Contractor Registration. That the City Manager or his designee may waive the annual Contractor Registration Fee for contractors registering with the City to perform repairs related to the 2021 winter storm.

Section 7. Food Establishment Permits. That no special processing fee will be charged for annual food establishment permits that expire in February and March 2021 if the permits are renewed by May 1, 2021.

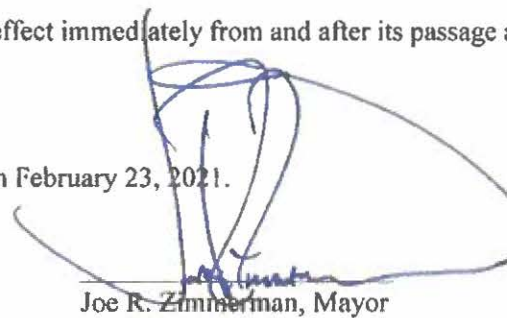
Section 8. Food Establishment Pre-Opening Inspection Fee. That, the City Manager may reduce or waive food establishment pre-opening inspection fees when the construction is required due to damages related to the 2021 winter storm event.

Section 9. Food Establishment Construction Re-Inspection Fees. That the City Manager may reduce or waive food establishment construction re-inspection fees when the construction is required due to damages related to the 2021 winter storm event.

Section 10. Duration. That the authorization to grant reductions and waivers in sections 3, 4, 6, 8 and 9 expires on May 1, 2021.

Section 11. Emergency. This ordinance will take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication, and it is accordingly ordained.

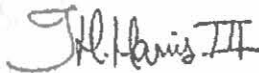
PASSED and ADOPTED on first consideration on February 23, 2021.



Joe R. Zimmerman, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Thomas Harris, III, City Secretary