ORDINANCE NO. 20210225-008

AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING ASSESEMENT OF CITY UTILITY LATE FEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The Council waives the assessment of late fees on delinquent city utility bills, and accordingly suspends City Code Section 15-9-138 (*Delinquency*) and subsection (C) of City Code Section 15-9-137 (*Payment Requirements and Late Payment Penalty*), for a period of 30 days from the effective date of this ordinance. To the extent necessary, Council further ratifies and authorizes any administrative waivers of late fees on bills that fell due during the weather event.

PART 2. The Council finds that the recent cold weather event and resulting power and water outages constitutes an emergency. Because of this emergency, this ordinance takes effect immediately upon its passage for the immediate preservation of the health and safety of the public.

PASSED AND APPROVED

February 25

APPROVED: Ame Morgan by City Attorney

ATTEST: January A Jannette S. Goodall City Clerk

PART 3. This ordinance takes effect on March 8, 2021.