

RESOLUTION NO. 005-21

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY ACTION TO PROVIDE RELIEF MEASURES FOR TOWN RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES IMPACTED BY THE 2021 WINTER STORM; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the severe weather event experienced by the Town of Highland Park and the State of Texas that occurred between February 11, 2021, and February 19, 2021, has caused considerable damage to residential and commercial properties in the Town of Highland Park, including, but not limited to, ruptured water pipes, irrigation lines, damaged hot water heaters, flooding, structural damage, sheetrock and flooring; and

WHEREAS, many residents and businesses were without power, heat, and water and those with water were encouraged to run or drip the water to avoid frozen pipes and further damages; and

WHEREAS, Governor Abbott declared a state of disaster for the entire State of Texas as a result of the impacts from the winter storm; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it is appropriate to provide residents and businesses in the City with some relief related to water and sewer charges and repairs resulting from the winter storm damage; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Highland Park Town Council declares it in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the public to adopt this resolution; and

WHEREAS, all prerequisites for the adoption of this resolution have been met, including but not limited to the Open Meetings Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HIGHLAND PARK, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That, all matters stated hereinabove are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference as if copied in their entirety.

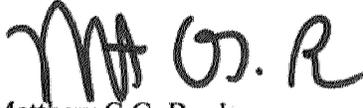
SECTION 2. That the Town Administrator is authorized to take the following action: (i) provide residential and commercial water and waste water customers with a one time "drip credit" in the amount of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) to be applied for the March 2021 billing cycle; (ii) the waiver of certain plumbing permit requirements and associated fees for repairs and work related to the winter storm damage to water lines through March 31; and (iii) provide for billing leak adjustment resulting from frozen or burst pipes upon confirmation of repairs.

SECTION 3. That all provisions in conflict with the provisions of this resolution be and the same are hereby repealed, and all other provisions not in conflict with the provisions of this resolution shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That, this resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is accordingly so resolved.

Passed and approved by the Town Council of the Town of Highland Park, Texas, on this the 2nd day of March, 2021.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Handwritten signature of Matthew C.G. Boyle in black ink.

Matthew C.G. Boyle
Town Attorney

APPROVED:

Handwritten signature of Margo Goodwin in black ink.

Margo Goodwin
Mayor

ATTEST:

Handwritten signature of Joanna Mekeal in black ink.

Joanna Mekeal
Town Secretary