



DATE: May 12, 2020

CATEGORY: Consent

DEPT.: Finance and Administrative Services

TITLE: **Adopt an Ordinance Relating to Discontinuation of Water Service for Nonpayment (Second Reading)**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter 35 of the City Code Relating to Discontinuation of Water Service for Nonpayment, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Council report). (First reading: 7-0)

SUMMARY

On April 28, 2020, the City Council adopted a resolution establishing a policy on the discontinuation of residential water service for nonpayment, implementing Senate Bill 998 (SB 998). The Council also introduced an ordinance (Attachment 1) amending City of Mountain View Municipal Code Section 35.5, "Right of city to shut off water for failure to pay for municipal services," relating to discontinuation of water service in order to ensure the City Code reflects the City's implementation of SB 998 and scheduled a second reading for May 12, 2020.

The Council approved the introduction of the ordinance amending Chapter 35 of the City Code by a 7-0 vote. This is a second reading of the ordinance. If approved, the ordinance will become effective on June 11, 2020.

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of adopting the resolution and approving the ordinance could result in lost Water Enterprise Fund revenue of approximately \$125,000 per year due to accounts that remain connected and subsequently unpaid during the legal process or through payment arrangements. There will also be an additional estimated cost of \$2,000 to translate the policy into six languages.

PUBLIC NOTICING

Agenda posting. The ordinance was published at least two days prior to adoption in accordance with City Charter Section 522.

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Attachment: 1. Ordinance