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ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON SUSPENDING THE RATE INCREASE PROVISIONS OF SEC. 98-122(C) AND SEC. 98-123(C) OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR A TERM OF ONE CALENDAR YEAR

WHEREAS, Covington Code of Ordinances Sec. 98 -122 (c) provides for an annual rate increase for water rates by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, effective January 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, Covington Code of Ordinances Sec. 98 -123 (c) provides for an annual rate increase for sewerage rates by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, effective January 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the application of this rate increase will result in a 8% increase in both water and sewerage rates; and

WHEREAS, such an increase in water and surge rates will impose an undue financial burden on the citizens of the City of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City of Covington desires to suspend the implementation of the rate increase for a term of one year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that the rate increase provisions of Covington Code of Ordinances Sec. 98 -122 (c) and Covington Code of Ordinances Sec. 98 -123 (c) shall be suspended for the 2023 calendar year.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Verret, seconded by Botsford.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 0

NAYS: 1 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of April, 2023.

LARRY ROLLING
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor on this 5th day of April, 2023, at 10 o'clock A.M.

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 10th day of April, 2023.

MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on this 10th day of April, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

JOANN RUCKER
COUNCIL CLERK