



Emergency Executive Order No. 2020-001

Waiving Credit Card Telephone Payment fees

Purpose:

To temporarily waive the imposition of the \$7.00 fee to use a credit card to pay for utility charges by telephone.

Discussion:

- I. On February 29, 2020, Washington State Governor Jay Inslee proclaimed a State of Emergency due to the public health emergency posed by the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- II. On March 2, 2020, Mayor Thomas proclaimed a State of Emergency in the City of Monroe due to the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes the coronavirus disease COVID-19.
- III. Pursuant to chapter 38.52 Revised Code of Washington and chapter 2.60 Monroe Municipal Code, Mayor Thomas has broad authority to issue, amend, and rescind orders, rules, and regulation on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property related to a proclaimed emergency.
- IV. Social distancing is believed to be an effective means of limiting the spread of COVID-19.
- V. Providing an additional way to pay city utility bills without coming to City Hall or incurring additional fees encourages social distancing.

Action:

Payment of City of Monroe utility fees may be made using a credit card over the telephone without incurring the \$7.00 Credit Card Telephone Payment fee appearing in Schedule G of the Fees Resolution.

Effective:

- I. This Emergency Executive Order shall remain in effect until cancelled, suspended, or upon the issuance of a proclamation ending the emergency, whichever shall occur first.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020



Geoffrey Thomas
Mayor