

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-005

EXECUTIVE ORDER REGARDING THE TEMPORARY HALTING OF THE DISCONNECTION OF UTILITY SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT AND LATE PAYMENT PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of Kentucky have both declared a state of emergency in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Nicholasville declared a State of Emergency on March 19, 2020 based upon the COVID-19 virus outbreak;

WHEREAS, the City of Nicholasville recognizes the local effects of the COVID-19 pandemic including the implementation of state and federal recommendations for social distancing, closing of businesses, and self-quarantining requests all in an effort to prevent the spread of this devastating virus;

WHEREAS, the City of Nicholasville further recognizes the financial impact on local businesses, its employees and the citizens resulting from both the state and federal recommendations and, more recently, the necessary actions implemented by Executive Order by Governor Beshear to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth of Kentucky;

WHEREAS, the City of Nicholasville further recognizes that utility service is necessary for its citizens to maintain proper hygiene and health;

WHEREAS, in an effort to prevent any additional financial strain on the businesses and citizens of City of Nicholasville during these difficult times, and to facilitate the wellbeing of its residents, the City of Nicholasville believes it to be in the best interests of the City to temporarily halt the disconnection of City of Nicholasville utilities service of residential and commercial customers for nonpayment, and additionally, to waive late payment penalties incurred after April 10, 2020 until May 21, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities and Finance Director has advised the Mayor that the financial impact resulting from the proposed accommodations will not affect the City's ability to deliver the essential services relied upon by its citizens.

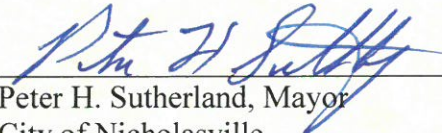
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AS FOLLOWS

1. In order to combat the financial and health impact of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in the City of Nicholasville, the City of Nicholasville shall temporarily halt the disconnection of City of Nicholasville utilities service of residential and commercial customers for nonpayment, and additionally, shall temporarily waive late payment penalties incurred after April 10, 2020 until May 21, 2020.

2. Director of Public Utilities and Finance shall ensure the utility relief provisions set forth in this Executive Order are effectuated.

Signed this 1st day of April, 2020.





Peter H. Sutherland, Mayor
City of Nicholasville

Attest: 

City Clerk