

State of South Carolina }  
County of Pickens }  
City of Liberty }

Ordinance 2020-02  
Extension of Certain Payments & Waiver of Certain  
Penalties & Interest

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LIBERTY, SOUTH CAROLINA TO EXTEND THE DUE DATE FOR HOSPITALITY TAX AND BUSINESS LICENSE PAYMENTS, AND TO SUSPEND LATE FEES AND DISCONNECTS FOR CITY SERVICES IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCIES DECLARED BY SOUTH CAROLINA, PICKENS COUNTY AND CITY OF LIBERTY**

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Liberty is under a state of emergency through declarations from South Carolina, Pickens County and the City of Liberty; and,

**WHEREAS**, the business and residential community have been financially impacted due to closings of schools, restaurants, businesses and others; and,

**WHEREAS**, to assist the business and residential community, the Mayor and City Council would like to provide some relief during the COVID-19 event by extending deadlines, waiving penalties and interest, and delaying the amended solid waste fee:

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Liberty City Council that the following relief is hereby in effect.

**Section 1—Hospitality Tax**

The hospitality tax normally due March 20, 2020 and April 20, 2020 will be due on May 20, 2020. If a business has no basis for a hospitality tax for the month, the business is still required to file a monthly return.

**Section 2—Business License**

The annual renewal of business licenses normally due April 30, 2020 will be due fifteen (15) days after the IRS filing due date which is currently July 15, 2020. If the IRS filing date is extended due to the COVID-19 emergency, the City’s business license due date will also be extended fifteen days.

**Section 3—Utility Disconnects**

The City will not charge utility late fees, and water/sewer & trash service will not be disconnected or discontinued for non-payment for bills due on or before May 20, 2020. If at all possible, customers are encouraged to pay their utility bills when due. All utility accounts must be current by June 20, 2020 or they will be subject to penalty and disconnection.

**Section 4—Solid Waste Fee**

The start date of the \$2.50 per month fee for Bulk Items (Brush & Brown Goods) will be delayed until the June billing cycle which will have a due date of June 20, 2020.

**Section 5—Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its enactment by the Council.

APPROVED AS AN EMERGENCY BY A 2/3rds VOTE of MEMBERS PRESENT, this 23rd day of March, 2020.



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Brian Petersen, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Bruce Evilsizor, City Administrator