

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH BRUNSWICK AMENDING TO  
WAIVE INTEREST ON UTILITY BILLS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC**

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2020, New Jersey Governor Philip Murphy issued Executive Order No. 190, banning the imposition of interest, charges or late fees on municipal “*water*” accounts for “*residential*” customers of that became delinquent during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, customers for the Township of North Brunswick are served by both municipal water and sanitary sewer utilities; and

**WHEREAS**, according to Executive Order No. 190 this ban was to remain in effect through March 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs issued guidance to municipal utility collectors on November 6, 2020, indicating that municipal “*sanitary sewer*” utility accounts were *not* subject to the ban on interest, charges and late fees issued in Governor Murphy’s Executive Order No. 190; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition, the Executive Order No. 190 did not ban the imposition of interest, charges or other late fees on “*commercial*” water accounts or sewer accounts; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 7, 2020, pursuant to Resolution 287-12.20, the Mayor and Council extended beyond Executive Order 190, and authorized the waiver of any interest, charges or late fees on *all* municipal utility accounts for water and sewer that became delinquent during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency through March 15, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 3, 2021, Governor Murphy issued Executive Order No. 229, extending a moratorium set to end March 15, 2021 under Executive Order No. 190 through at least June 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2021, NJ Bill A4671 (S3326) passed by the Assembly and Senate would provide for additional financial relief for residents serviced by a public water utility until 18 months after the date of Executive Order No. 103, issued March 9, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council hereby acknowledge and support recent actions by the State’s elected officials and wish to provide continued financial assistance to customers of the North Brunswick utility systems, and authorized the waiver of any interest, charges or late fees on *all* municipal utility accounts for water and sewer that became delinquent during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency through September 30, 2021; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in consideration of Executive Order No. 229 and anticipated guidance from the Department of Community Affairs with pending bills A4671 (S3326), the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the waiver of any interest, charges or late fees on *all* municipal utility accounts that are delinquent during the COVID-19 pandemic and emergency through September 30, 2021.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, CFO, Clerk, and Utility Collector may execute any and all documents in connection with this resolution.

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Justine Progebin  
Business Administrator

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Ronald Gordon, Esq.  
Township Attorney  
Approved as to legal form

**RECORDED VOTE:**

<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOTES</b>
MEHTA				
LOPEZ				
GUADAGNINO				
ANDREWS				
DAVIS				
SOCIO				
MAYOR WOMACK				

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick, County of Middlesex, at its meeting held on May 3, 2021.

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Lisa Russo  
Township Clerk