

RESOLUTION NO. ____ of 2022

A RESOLUTION URGING AND REQUESTING SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY, INC., AND PANOLA-HARRISON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE TO ESTABLISH A MORATORIUM ON DISCONNECTION OR SHUTOFF OF UTILITY SERVICE TO INDIVIDUALS, AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY: COUNCILMAN DR. ALAN JACKSON, JR.

WHEREAS, current climate conditions are requiring households to incur additional electrical expense to maintain reasonable temperature levels in homes;

WHEREAS, many residents in the City of Shreveport are on fixed incomes or forms of support;

WHEREAS, many residents of the City of Shreveport are elderly, chronically ill, or otherwise more susceptible to heat;

WHEREAS, one way to address the crisis is a moratorium on utility shutoffs and particularly a moratorium on electric utility shutoffs during the current climate crisis;

WHEREAS, further means of ameliorating the impact of the high utility bills are payment plans or waivers of late fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport in due, regular and legal session convened, that the City Council does hereby urge and request Southwestern Electric Power Company, its parent American Electric Power Company, Inc., and Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative to establish moratoriums for electric utility shutoffs or disconnects within the limits of the City of Shreveport until November 1, 2022.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Shreveport urges and requests Southwestern Electric Power Company, its parent American Electric Power Company, and Panola-Harrison Electric Cooperative to establish reasonable payment plans and waivers of late fees until November 1, 2022 for residents within the limits of the City of Shreveport who are not more than sixty days late in paying their utility bills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications, and to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

City Attorney's Office