

City of San Marcos

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Title: Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding the utility disconnections for non-payment,

and provide direction to Staff.

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Attachments: 1. Resuming Utility Disconnection 10.20.pdf

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10/20/2020 1 City Council

AGENDA CAPTION:

Receive a Staff presentation and hold discussion regarding the utility disconnections for non-payment, and provide direction to Staff.

Meeting date: October 20, 2020

Department: Finance, Melissa Neel

Amount & Source of Funding

Funds Required: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Number: Click or tap here to enter text.

Funds Available: Click or tap here to enter text.

Account Name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Fiscal Note:

Prior Council Action: Council agreed to halt utility service disconnections during the COVID emergency in March. On July 7, 2020 council approved extending the freeze on disconnects through the end of September 2020.

City Council Strategic Initiative: [Please select from the dropdown menu below]

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☐ Core Services
□ Not Applicable
Background Information:
In March, 2020 the City Council agreed to halt utility service disconnections for non-payment for 90 days.
During July council meeting council support extending this date through Sept. 30, 2020. Currently utility
disconnect remain on-hold. Staff recommends reinstating utility disconnects due to non-payment in January
2021, after the holidays.
Council Committee, Board/Commission Action:
Click or tap here to enter text.
Alternatives:
Continue to not terminate services for a set period of time.
Recommendation:

Extend the freeze on utility disconnects through January 2, 2021. Increase community outreach, expand

customer communications as recommended.