

RESOLUTION NO. R 2015-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF BASTROP, TEXAS REGARDING CREATION OF A “GOOD NEIGHBOR FUND” TO PROVIDE MONETARY ASSISTANCE TO CITY UTILITY CUSTOMERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop desires to create a program to collect donated funds to assist eligible customers who are having difficulty paying their City owned Utility Bill;

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop “Good Neighbor Fund” is not replacing the efforts already offered by Social Service Agencies but is adding to the amount of available funding to Utility Bill customers needing assistance. The Good Neighbor Fund will provide an additional funding source to provide assistance to those customers who are in need of assistance with their Utility Bill;

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop “Good Neighbor Fund” amount of assistance available will be limited to moneys collected by the Program. These funds are restricted for use and may only be used to assist eligible customers with their City of Bastrop Utility Bill. These funds may not be applied to inactive accounts with outstanding Bad debts owed to the City. Eligible customers will need to meet eligibility requirements determined by the Social Service Agency selected by the City;

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop “Good Neighbor Fund” program will commence voluntary collections to be retained in a separate restricted account at such time City Council has selected a Social Service Agency to administer the funds on our behalf. This agency will screen applicants, determine eligibility, and approve funding to be applied to a customer’s account;

WHEREAS, the City of Bastrop Finance Department shall establish specific accounting codes for collection and disbursement of funds. A voucher system will be established with the necessary GL codes for the selected Social Service Agency to distribute funding from. No actual dollars are given to the Social Service Agency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS THAT:

The City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas, approves the creation of a Good Neighbor Fund program to assist eligible customers who are having difficulty paying their City Utility Bill and for the Program to be administered by a Social Service Agency to approve of funding to be applied to a customer’s account.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas on the 12th. Day of MAY, 2015.

APPROVED:



Ken Kesselus, Mayor

ATTEST:



Traci Chavez, Interim City Secretary