



Item Brief

Meeting Date

July 15, 2025

Agenda Item

Discuss and consider action: Resolution No. R2025-53: D. Vaughn

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, APPROVING A UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PUBLIC UTILITY PAYMENT RELIEF TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS AFFECTED BY THE JULY 2025 FLOOD DISASTER

Information

This resolution establishes the July 2025 Flood Disaster Residential/Commercial Public Utility Payment Assistance Program, designed to assist City of Burnet utility customers who were significantly impacted by the severe flooding that occurred on July 5, 2025.

The program will offer temporary relief to eligible residential and commercial utility customers by applying credit toward their utility bills. The City Council finds that this effort promotes public health, welfare, and community resilience during the ongoing recovery period.

Program administration, including eligibility criteria, application processes, and funding limits, will be overseen by the City Manager in accordance with the guidelines provided in Exhibit "A."

Fiscal Impact

The estimated cost of the program is \$75,000.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. R2025-53 as presented.

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WHEREAS, on July 5, 2025, widespread flooding occurred across the City of Burnet, causing significant damage to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, many residents and business owners within the City of Burnet were significantly impacted as a result of the flood disaster, impacting their ability to pay for essential utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Burnet desires to provide support to those impacted by authorizing a temporary Utility Assistance Program to help eligible residential and commercial utility customers with their City utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that implementing such a program serves a public purpose by promoting public health, welfare, and economic stability during the recovery period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. Findings. The recitals set out above are hereby approved and incorporated herein for all purposes.

Section Two. Program Established. The July 2025 Flood Disaster Residential/Commercial Public Utility Payment Assistance Program is hereby established and shall operate in accordance with the provisions set forth in Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section Three. Authorization. The City Manager is authorized and directed to establish eligibility criteria, application procedures, and funding limits for the program, and to take any actions necessary to administer the program in an efficient and equitable manner.

Section Four. Open Meetings. It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public and that public notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting was given as required by the Open Meetings Act.

Section Five. Effective Date. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and approval as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 15th day of July 2025.

CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS

Gary Wideman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Maria Gonzales, City Secretary