



STAFF REPORT
11/18/2020

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Best, Best & Krieger LLP, General Counsel

SUBJECT: A resolution readopting the temporary suspension of service turnoffs during the COVID-19 State of Emergency through January 15, 2021.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Consideration and adoption of Resolution WA-2020-10 Readopting the Temporary Suspension of Service Turnoffs During the COVID-19 State of Emergency Through **January 15, 2021.**

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

On March 25, 2020, the Authority adopted Resolution WA-2020-04 which directed the Executive Director to refrain from taking action which would result in the termination of service to residential customers, due to nonpayment, at least through June 1, 2020.

On May 28, 2020 the Executive Director issued an Executive Order extending the Temporary Suspension through June 30, 2020, finding that residents continue to experience economic hardship as a result of COVID-19.

On June 10, 2020, the Board of Directors adopted Resolution WA-2020-07, which ratified the May 28, 2020 Executive Order and extended the Temporary Suspension through June 30, 2020. On June 24, 2020, the Board of Directors again extended the Temporary Suspension through July 31, 2020 by adopting Resolution No. WA-2020-08. On July 29, 2020 the Executive Director adopted an Executive Order extending the Temporary Suspension for an additional two months through September 30, 2020. The Board of Directors ratified this July 29, 2020 Executive Order on August 7, 2020. The prior Resolutions authorize the Board of Directors or Executive Director to further modify, supersede, or rescind the extended Suspension Period.

The temporary suspension period expired on September 30, 2020. The proposed Resolution would readopt the same protections found in Resolution WA-2020-04 and reinstate the Temporary Suspension **through January 15, 2021.**

From now until the extension lapses on January 15, 2021, the Board of Directors and Executive Director will continue to monitor the situation and may rescinded, modify, or further extend the Temporary Suspension as necessary.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Do not adopt Resolution WA-2020-10.
2. Provide additional direction.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None Anticipated.

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution WA-2020-10.