

## **ORDINANCE NO. O-01-2021**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 90 OF THE CITY CODE, ARTICLE II. ELECTRIC UTILITY, DIVISION 2. SERVICE APPLICATIONS AND CONTRACTS CREATING SECTION 90-24 ENTITLED “UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSIONS;” PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Green Cove Springs wishes to amend its existing Utility Payment Extension policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** City Code Chapter 90.24, Utilities Payment Extension, is hereby amended, as follows:

City’s utility payment extension offers qualifying customers the chance to extend their utility bill due date. Once the statement amount becomes past due, a payment extension may be granted to avoid service interruption. The customer must request a payment extension in writing prior to the disconnection date.

Terms and conditions of a payment plan will be based on the following:

- No Tampering/Fraud activity at any time.
- All existing extension(s) must be paid in full
- Account must be active for 182 days
- No Insufficient or Non-Sufficient Funds “NSF” checks written to the city in the last 90 days

If satisfactory arrangements are made with the City of Green Cove Springs Representative prior to disconnection, a fourteen (14) calendar day extension from the disconnection date may be granted to the applicant. Customers shall be granted only one extension per cycle bill.

Payment extensions will be limited to three (3) within a 365-day period with at least 30 days between extensions.

In order to obtain an extension a customer must fill out a Utility Extension Request Form and submit to the Customer Service office at City Hall during regular business hours, along with a photo ID.

Exclusions and exceptions may be approved by the supervisor.

**SECTION 2. CODIFICATION.** This Ordinance shall constitute and be codified as new City Code Section 90-24.

**SECTION 3. REPEALER.** Any Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY.** The various parts, sections and clauses of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable. If any part, sentence, paragraph, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

**SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

**INTRODUCED AND APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY ON THE FIRST READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ON THIS 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.**

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

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B. Van Royal, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Erin West, City Clerk

**PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, THIS 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021.**

**CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

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B. Van Royal, Mayor

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**APPROVED AS TO FORM ONLY:**

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L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney