



**CITY OF KOTZEBUE
RESOLUTION NO. 24-39**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KOTZEBUE DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATION TO: (1) WAIVE THE MONTHLY WATER FEE FOR CUSTOMERS FOR A ONE MONTH PERIOD (2) SET THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR FUTURE SUCH WATER FEE WAIVERS FOR CUSTOMERS; AND, (3) EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING RESIDENTIAL PITCHER-BASED TAP WATER FILTRATION SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, In May 2024, the new water treatment plant in the city produced water with manganese levels exceeding the recommended limits set by the State of Alaska DEC.;

WHEREAS, the manganese level has recently declined to acceptable levels and the color of the City's water is improving and the City's designer, Tetra Tech, for the new water treatment plant is working on a permanent, long-term solution to the unanticipated manganese issue;

WHEREAS, The City of Kotzebue City Council directed the administration to waive one (1) month of water fee for residential customers for the exceeding manganese levels in the month of May 2024. A commensurate waiver for commercial accounts for a one-month period shall also be determined;

WHEREAS, further water fee waivers may be appropriate if manganese levels exceed the recommended manganese levels again in any given month; and,

WHEREAS, the City Administration shall explore the feasibility of providing residential pitcher-based tap water filtration systems such as PUR PLUS in the future and report back to the City Council on the cost and efficacy of such in-home drinking water filtration systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Kotzebue directs the City Administration to proceed as set out herein to provide water fee waivers and explore the efficacy of pitcher-based tap water filtration systems for residential use.

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PASSED AND APPROVED by a duly constituted quorum of the City Council of the City of Kotzebue, Alaska, this 20th day of June, 2024.

CITY OF KOTZEBUE

Saima Chase, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Rosie Hensley, City Clerk