

RESOLUTION 1373

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LANDER, WYOMING, TEMPORARILY WAIVING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY LATE FEES AND SUSPENDING WATER SERVICE DISCONNECTIONS (“SHUT-OFFS”) FOR NONPAYMENT FOR THREE BILLING CYCLES CORRESPONDING TO WATER USAGE IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, AND DECEMBER, WITH BILLS DUE IN NOVEMBER, DECEMBER, AND JANUARY, RESPECTIVELY.

WHEREAS, the City of Lander owns and operates municipal water and sewer utilities that provide essential services to residents, businesses, and institutions within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that temporary customer relief is in the public interest due to extraordinary circumstances and to promote public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City has authority to establish and modify utility billing policies, fees, penalties, and collection practices; and

WHEREAS, providing short-term relief by waiving accrual of late fees and suspending water shut-offs for nonpayment for a limited duration will help affected customers maintain access to potable water and sanitation without materially impairing the City’s ability to operate its utilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LANDER, WYOMING:

1. **Temporary Waiver of Late Fees:** The assessment and collection of late fees on water and sewer utility accounts are waived for three (3) consecutive billing cycles corresponding to water usage during the months of October, November, and December 2025 with utility bills due in November 2025, December 2025, and January 2026, respectively (the “Relief Period”).
2. **Suspension of Water Shut-Offs:** During the Relief Period, the City shall suspend new water service disconnections (“shut-offs”) for nonpayment for all active customer accounts. Nothing in this section requires restoration of service to accounts that were disconnected before the effective date of this Resolution.
3. **Amounts Still Owed: No Forgiveness of Principal.** Except for waived late fees as provided herein, all base rates, usage charges, and existing balances remain due and payable and will continue to accrue. This Resolution does not forgive principal amounts owed.
4. **Post-Relief Resumption:** Upon conclusion of the Relief Period, the City’s standard billing practices, including the assessment of late fees and initiation of shut-offs for nonpayment, shall automatically resume according to the City’s current policies.
5. **Payment Plans Encouraged:** The Finance/Utility Billing Department is authorized and encouraged to offer and administer reasonable payment plans to assist customers in addressing balances accrued during and before the Relief Period.
6. **Administration; Customer Notice:** The Mayor and Finance/Utility Billing Department are authorized to take all actions necessary to implement this Resolution, including public notice to customers via the City’s website, bill inserts, social media, and other customary channels.

7. No Precedent: This temporary relief is a one-time, limited measure and shall not be construed to create a continuing policy or vested right to waivers or suspension of shut-offs in the future.

8. Severability: If any provision of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

9. Effective Date: This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect only for the Relief Period defined above.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED the ___ day of _____, 2025.

THE CITY OF LANDER,
A Municipal corporation

BY: _____
Missy White, Mayor

ATTEST:

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk

STATE OF WYOMING)
) ss.
COUNTY OF FREMONT)

CERTIFICATE

I, Rachelle Fontaine, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Lander at a regular meeting held on _____, 2025, and that the meeting was held according to law; all council members were present; and that the said Resolution has been duly entered in the resolution book of the City of Lander.

Rachelle Fontaine, City Clerk