

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-40

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ABATEMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

WHEREAS, The 119th Congress has been at a budgetary impasse and accordingly unable to pass a Continuing Resolution funding the Federal expenditures including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); and

WHEREAS, The impasse has resulted in the “closure” of the Federal Government ; and

WHEREAS, There are residents of the City of Mills who receive necessary Federal assistance through SNAP and may now have that impaired and may accordingly be distressed in payment of their water and sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, Certain Federal Employees have had their pay suspended as a result of the budgetary impasse; and

WHEREAS, The Governing Body of the City of the Mills recognizes the need to assist in the same; and

NOW, THEREFORE, The Governing Body of the City of Mills hereby resolves to abate water and sewer bills, as follows:

- a. Individuals seeking abatement shall apply for the same at the Mills City Hall. In doing so, they shall demonstrate qualification for abatement by demonstrating that they are:
1) a recipient of SNAP or 2) are a Federal Employee who is not being paid an income and who lacks sufficient resources in order to pay the full amount of their water and sewer bill.;
- b. Qualified individuals may receive a reduction of up to 20% of their average water and sewer bill for a period of up to sixty (60) days and the excusing of their late fees.
- c. Unprecedented water use indicating a sudden large water use will require action by the City Council in order to be abated, which the Council may decline to do.
- d. The City staff is directed to create Abatement forms for 1) recipients of SNAP and 2) Federal employees in keeping with this policy.

The authority granted by this Resolution shall expire within thirty (30) days after the passage of a Continuing Resolution or other budget bill by the 119th Congress which causes SNAP to be funded and/or the Federal government to cease being closed. Nothing shall prevent the City Council from extending this abatement authority, or removing it at an earlier date, should it choose to do so.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS_____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor, Leah Juarez

Councilman, Sara McCarthy

Councilman, Cherie Butcher

Councilman, Tim Sutherland

Councilman, Brad Neumiller

ATTEST:

City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Sarah Osborn, City Clerk, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City of Mills at a public meeting held on November 10, 2025, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the record of the City of Mills.

Sarah Osborn
City Clerk