
THE CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

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**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES'
CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH APRIL OF 2027**

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WHEREAS, Section 7 of Article VII of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois provides that a municipality that is not a home rule unit shall only have the powers granted to them by law and as such the City of Rochelle (“City”), Ogle County, Illinois being a non-home rule unit pursuant to the provisions of said Section 7 of Article VII, and may exercise only the powers expressly granted by law; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly granted non-home rule municipalities broad authority to “pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities.” 65 ILCS 5/1-2-1; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle (“City”) through Rochelle Municipal Utilities (“RMU”) provides utility services including electric and water to the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City initially adopted the RMU Customer Assistance Program on May 28, 2019 (Resolution No. 19-33), and amended the Program on August 10, 2020 (Resolution No. 20-28), February 14, 2022 (Resolution No. 22-09) and on December 22, 2022 (Resolution No. 22-51); and

WHEREAS, the RMU Customer Assistance Program most recently allowed RMU customers who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines to qualify annually for five hundred dollars (\$500) in financial assistance with their utility bills; and

WHEREAS, the Rochelle Municipal Utilities’ Customer Assistance Program expired on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City and RMU seek to renew the program and offer the Utility Customer Assistance Program through at least April 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program shall waive any requirements to apply for the Illinois Low Income Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) before applying for the Utility Customer Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Customer Assistance Program would provide assistance for all RMU customers that are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Rochelle that it is in the best interest of the City and its residents to authorize the RMU Customer Assistance Program through April 30, 2027; and

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS:

SECTION ONE: That the City hereby incorporates all of the recitals above into this Resolution as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION TWO: The Corporate Authorities of the City of Rochelle, pursuant to their authority and control over RMU, hereby approve and authorize the Utility Customer Assistance Program through April 30, 2027. Furthermore, applicants need not apply for Low Income Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”). To qualify, the household must be RMU customers and the combined gross income for all adults permanently living at the residence must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines for the previous 30 days. The program shall provide five hundred dollars (\$500) in assistance annually and the program shall be funded by the sale of renewable energy credits.

SECTION THREE: If any provision of this Resolution or application thereof to any person or circumstance is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Resolution that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Resolution is severable.

SECTION FOUR: Where the conditions imposed by any provisions of this Resolution are more restrictive than comparable provisions imposed elsewhere in any other local law, ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the regulations of this Resolution will govern.

SECTION FIVE: The City Clerk shall publish this Resolution in pamphlet form.

SECTION SIX: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

PASSED THIS 27th day of January, 2025.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

APPROVED THIS 27th day of January, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
COUNTY OF OGLE) SS.

CERTIFICATE

I, _____, City Clerk of the City of Rochelle, County of Ogle and State of Illinois, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. _____, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ROCHELLE MUNICIPAL UTILITIES’ CUSTOMER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THROUGH APRIL OF 2027,” which was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rochelle on January 27, 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City of Rochelle this 27th day of January, 2025.

CITY CLERK