RESOLUTION NO. 2020-3411

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO APPROVING A WRITTEN POLICY ON DISCONTINUATION OF RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE WATER SHUTOFF PREVENTION ACT

WHEREAS, the City of Wasco declares that all of its citizens have the right to safe, accessible, and affordable drinking water and;

WHEREAS, the loss of water service cause tremendous hardship and undue stress and water service discontinuation threaten human health and well-being, and have a disproportionate impact on infants, children, the elderly, low-income families, communities of color, people for whom English is a second language, physically disabled persons and persons with life-threatening needs and;

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Wasco to minimize the number of its citizens who lose water service due to inability to pay and;

WHEREAS, all citizens should be treated fairly when there is a delinquent bill, whether they pay the water bill directly or not and that fair treatment includes the ability to contest a bill, seek alternate pay schedules, and demonstrate a medical need and severe economic hardship and;

WHEREAS, the State of California has added Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 116900) to Part 12 of Division 104 of the Health and Safety Code known as the Water Shutoff Protection Act and;

WHEREAS, the City of Wasco operates an urban and community water system as defined by the Water Shutoff Protection Act and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Wasco as follows:

SECTION 1: Approves the Policy on Discontinuation of Residential Water Services, attached as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This policy will become effective 30 days after the effective date of the Ordinance requiring this policy.
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Wasco at a regular meeting thereof held on January 7, 2019, by the following vote:

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Attent:

TEOFILO CORTEZ JR.,
MAYOR of the City of Wasco

MARIA O. MARTINEZ
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the Council of the City of Wasco