

# COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD

## Ordinance No. 05-01-19

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**Introduced By:** Mayor and Council  
**Date Introduced:** May 6, 2019  
**Town Council Hearing:** None  
**Amendments Adopted:** None  
**Date Adopted:** *Tentatively June 3, 2019*  
**Date Effective:** *Tentatively June 24, 2019*

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**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

### Utility Bills

**FOR** the purpose of providing for deferral of payment of certain utility bills for a certain duration under certain terms and conditions for certain Town property owners furloughed by the federal government; and generally related to payment of Town utility bills by individuals furloughed by the federal government.

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**BY** adding  
Code of the Town of Indian Head (1990 edition as amended)  
Chapter 140, WATER AND SEWERS  
Article V, Utility Bills  
Section 140-28

**SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD,** That new Section 140-28 be and it is hereby added to the Code of the Town of Indian Head (1990 Edition as amended), Chapter 140, WATER AND SEWERS, Article V, Utility Bills, to follow immediately after Section 140-27 and to read as follows:

### **CHAPTER 140 WATER AND SEWERS**

#### **Article V, Utility Bills**

#### **Section 140-26. Furloughed Employee Utility Bill Relief.**

A. AS USED IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED:

- (1) "EMPLOYEE" REFERS TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS EMPLOYED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR BY A CONTRACTOR THAT IS ENGAGED TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO OR FOR THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.
- (2) "FURLOUGH" REFERS TO A FULL OR PARTIAL SHUTDOWN OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DUE TO A LAPSE IN APPROPRIATIONS.

B. THIS SECTION APPLIES TO EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT BEING PAID BECAUSE OF A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FURLOUGH AND WHO RECEIVE TOWN UTILITY BILLS.

C. AN EMPLOYEE WHO IS NOT BEING PAID BECAUSE OF A FURLOUGH IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING TEMPORARY RELIEF FROM THE PAYMENT OF A TOWN UTILITY BILL DURING THE FURLOUGH AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) THE EMPLOYEE MAY DEFER UNTIL THE DUE DATE FOR THE FOLLOWING QUARTERLY UTILITY BILL THE PAYMENT OF A UTILITY BILL THAT IS DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF, OR COMES DUE DURING, THE FURLOUGH.
- (2) LATE CHARGES SHALL NOT APPLY TO THE AMOUNT OF ANY UTILITY BILL WHOSE PAYMENT IS SO DEFERRED IF PAYMENT IN FULL IS MADE BY THE DATE THAT THE NEXT UTILITY BILL IS DUE. IF PAYMENT IN FULL OF A DEFERRED UTILITY BILL IS NOT MADE BY THE DUE DATE OF THE NEXT QUARTERLY UTILITY BILL, LATE CHARGES SHALL BE ASSESSED ON THE AMOUNT DEFERRED, RETROACTIVELY TO ITS ORIGINAL DUE DATE.
- (3) THE EMPLOYEE IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF FROM THE PAYMENT OF SUBSEQUENT UTILITY BILLS THAT COME DUE DURING THE FURLOUGH. SUBSEQUENT UTILITY BILLS ARE PAYABLE WHEN DUE. THIS PARAGRAPH (3) DOES NOT PREVENT AN EMPLOYEE FROM RECEIVING FUTURE UTILITY BILL RELIEF DURING A SUBSEQUENT FURLOUGH.

D. THE TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN FINANCE OFFICER SHALL DEVELOP POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that this Ordinance shall become effective at the expiration of twenty (20) calendar days after its approval by the Council.

INDIAN HEAD TOWN COUNCIL

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Brandon Paulin, Mayor

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Ron Sitoula, Vice Mayor

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Curtis Smith, Councilman

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

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Date

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CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.  
((Double Parenthesis)) indicate matter deleted from existing law.