

EMERGENCY ECONOMIC RELIEF POLICY

I. Purpose.

The purpose of this Policy is to provide temporary relief from fees and penalties for businesses and individuals adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. Business Licenses.

The Town Council temporarily suspends collection of new business license fees and annual business license renewal fees. The Town Clerk shall be authorized to collect said fees following the cessation of this Policy. No late fees or penalties shall be assessed or collected.

III. Building Permit and Plan Review Fees.

The Town Council temporarily suspends collection of new plan review and development application fees for applications submitted after the effective date of this policy. For applications received after the effective date of this policy, building permit fees shall be paid with 50% owed at the time of application of the building permit and the remaining 50% to be paid at the time of issuance of Certificate of Occupancy. Fees already paid to the town prior to the effective date of this policy shall not be refunded. No late fees or penalties shall be assessed or collected on outstanding balances.

IV. Geothermal Utility Payments.

The Pagosa Springs Geothermal Utility shall permit customers to pay monthly geothermal heating bills for February, March and April up to 90 days after the due date without penalty or late fee beginning with the bill due in March for February services.

V. Lodging Tax Collections.

The Town Council shall permit customers to pay town lodging taxes for March, April and May up to 90 days after the due date without penalty or late fee beginning with the bill due in April for March collections.