

RESOLUTION

As Amended April 13,
2020RESOLUTION NO. **11**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILLORS

SERIES OF 2020

Skulley, Seitz**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MAKING REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS TO
RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

WHEREAS, an outbreak of a new coronavirus disease, now identified specifically as COVID-19, was detected in China in December of 2019, and since then the disease has spread to multiple continents countries and territories in the world; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency due to the spread of the coronavirus, COVID-19, and Governor Polis declared a state of epidemic disaster emergency in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic, and Governor Polis has since issued Executive Orders suspending in-person learning through public and private schools, limited restaurant operations and ordered residents to stay-at-home in Colorado due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Trump issued a proclamation that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and as of April 7, 2020, worldwide, there have been a significant number of positive COVID-19 test and many deaths and these numbers are increasing; and

WHEREAS, the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused the closure of athletic events throughout the country including the suspension of downhill ski operations in Colorado by Governor Polis and the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused the cancellations of reservations at many of the businesses in the hospitality industry across the country; and

WHEREAS, the spread of the COVID-19 virus has caused significant financial hardships to restaurants, retail business, and the employees of these businesses in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER:

1. The City Council requests all banks, mortgage companies and the financial industry, as well as all rental property owners, landlords and rental businesses, to consider the financial impact the threat of the spread of the COVID-19 virus is having on the citizens of the City and asks everyone to provide reasonable accommodations and leniency and consider delaying rents, mortgages, foreclosures, evictions, and utility shut-offs to everyone affected by this crisis; and

2. The City Council requests state and federal action to provide ongoing financial assistance and direct relief to families, individuals, small businesses, and self-employed workers affected by the COVID-19 crisis, and encourage a formal suspension of rents, mortgages, utility, and telecommunications service payments for both residential and commercial property, suspend negative credit reporting for nonpayment of rents, mortgages, utilities, and telecommunications services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:

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