MARANA ORDINANCE NO. 2020.007

RELATING TO UTILITIES; AMENDING MARANA ORDINANCE NO. 2020.006 TO EXTEND THE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF MARANA TOWN CODE SECTION 14-5-4 (NONPAYMENT OF DELINQUENT BILL; FILING OF LIEN; INTEREST) AS IT RELATES TO DISCONNECTING UTILITY SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, Mayor Ed Honea issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency in response to the actions taken by federal, state, and local jurisdictions in addressing conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, the Marana Town Council adopted Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006 as a precautionary measure to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, temporarily suspending enforcement of Marana Town Code Section 14-5-4 as it relates to disconnecting utility services for customers who do not pay their utility bill; and

WHEREAS Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006 is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2020, unless rescinded or extended by the Town Council; and

WHEREAS because current estimates suggest the COVID-19 public health emergency will last beyond April 30, 2020, it has become necessary to extend the expiration date of Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006; and

WHEREAS the Town Council finds that extending the expiration date of Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006 is in the best interests of the Town and its residents.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MARANA, as follows:

Section 1. Due to the ongoing nature of the COVID-19 public health emergency, Section 2 of Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006 is hereby amended to extend the April 30, 2020 expiration date until such time as the emergency declared in the Mayor's March 17, 2020 Proclamation of Local Emergency abates and is withdrawn, at which time Marana Ordinance No. 2020.006 will automatically be rescinded, unless further action is taken by the Council.

Section 2. The various Town officers and employees are authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary or desirable to give effect to this ordinance.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Because it is necessary for the preservation of the peace, health, and safety of the Town of Marana that this ordinance become immediately effective, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

Passed and adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Marana, Arizona, by a vote of ___ in favor and ___ opposed this 21st day of April, 2020.

Mayor Ed Honea

ATTEST:

Cherry L. Lawson, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank Cassidy, Town Attorney

