

AN ORDINANCE 1) TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF CHESTERFIELD, 1997, AS AMENDED, BY ADDING SECTION 9-160 TO CHAPTER 9, ARTICLE XI RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON UNPAID TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAXES AND 2) TO AMEND SECTION 18-29 RELATING TO THE WAIVER OF PENALTIES AND INTEREST ON UNPAID UTILITY BILLS DURING A DECLARED EMERGENCY

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Chesterfield County:

*(1) That Section 9-160 of the Code of the County of Chesterfield, 1997, as amended, shall be added to Chapter 9, Article XI of the County Code to read as follows:*

**Sec. 9-160. - Waiver of Penalties and Interest on Transient Occupancy Taxes During Declared Emergency.**

During an emergency declared by ~~the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by~~ the County, ~~or both,~~ **and** for 30 days after the end of the declared emergency, the penalty and interest provisions of County Code Section 9-157(a) shall be waived.

*(2) That Section 18-29 of the Code of the County of Chesterfield, 1997, as amended, shall be amended and re-enacted as follows:*

**Sec. 18-29. - Late payment of bills; penalty and interest charges.**

- The county shall apply a delinquent charge of \$1.50 or five percent of the unpaid bill, whichever is greater, to all utility bills that are not paid within 25 days after the date of the bill. Additionally, interest shall accrue on all bills that are not paid within 25 days of the date of the bill at the rate of one percent per month. For purposes of this section, a bill is paid when payment is received by the treasurer. The penalties and interest described in this section shall be waived during an emergency declared by ~~the Commonwealth of Virginia, or by~~ the County, ~~or both,~~ and for 30 days after the conclusion of the declared emergency.

*(3) That this ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.*