

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-822**

**CITY OF GENTRY, ARKANSAS**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE DISCRETIONARY  
WAIVER OF UTILITY LATE FEES; DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, The Gentry Municipal Code provides for the assessment of a mandatory ten percent penalty for late payment of utility bills;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas wishes to provide the City with discretion to waive those late fees in extraordinary circumstances;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Gentry, Arkansas:

Section 1: Section 10.08.07(B) of the Gentry Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following sentence at the end:

The Finance Director shall have discretion to waive this penalty for good cause.

Section 2: Emergency. In light of the growing economic crisis, the Council finds that this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate protection of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Gentry, Arkansas, and shall take effect immediately on its passage and approval.

PASSED and APPROVED in regular session this 6th day of April, 2020.

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Kevin Johnston, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tonya Carney, Director of Finance