

RESOLUTION 2021-168

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING FOR LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, access to safe and affordable drinking water and wastewater services is a fundamental element of health, safety, and well-being for households across America; and

WHEREAS, for many low-income households across America, water affordability needs have been significantly exacerbated by the COVID-19 public health crisis, and while water is required to follow the federal guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advising washing hands frequently in order to reduce the transmission of Covid-19, the pandemic has made it significantly more difficult for individuals and families to pay their home drinking water and wastewater bills; and

WHEREAS, the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provides critical nationwide emergency support; and

WHEREAS, LIHWAP, a federally funded, State of Michigan facilitated, COVID-19 relief related assistance program that has been awarded to Capital Area Community Services, Inc. (CACS); and

WHEREAS, CACS has been awarded \$1.5 million in direct assistance dollars to make water and sewer related payments on behalf of eligible residents in its four county service area; and

WHEREAS, in order for eligible residents in the City of Charlotte to participate in this program, the City must enter into a Memo of Understanding with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and the CACS for reimbursement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager to sign the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the city of Charlotte.

The foregoing resolution was presented by _____ and supported by _____ for approval with the following vote; Yea ; Nay ; Absent . Motion _____ .

CERTIFICATION

I, Mary LaRocque, City Clerk for the City of Charlotte, County of Eaton, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a

resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Charlotte during its regular meeting held on December 20, 2021

Mary LaRocque, City Clerk