

RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 251

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A VENDOR'S AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP) IN THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND THE CITY OF VINELAND TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL WATER AND OR WASTEWATER USERS IN THE CITY OF VINELAND.

WHEREAS, Governor Murphy has recently signed legislation requiring municipalities that directly bill residential customers for water and/or sewer to participate in a program administered by the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) that provides funds to assist low-income households with water and wastewater bills so as to ensure that qualifying households facing shut-off are able to have their services restored; and

WHEREAS, water service providers are required by the legislation to execute an agreement with DCA to participate with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) and failure to do so will result in prohibiting the municipality from

- (1) discontinuing water service of any residential customer for non-payment;
- (2) placing or selling a lien on real property for the unpaid balance of water charges of any residential customer

WHEREAS, DCA will also provide financial support to such qualifying residents behind on their water bills which is beneficial to the municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland that the Mayor and Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Vendor's Agreement with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs in the form and substance as attached hereto and made a part hereof.

Adopted:

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President of Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk