

RESOLUTION 2016-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, AUTHORIZING THE INCLUSION ON CITY UTILITY BILLS OF A VOLUNTARY CHARGE TO BE PAID IN ADDITION TO MONTHLY UTILITY CHARGES; AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO DETERMINE APPROPRIATE FORMS AND PROCESSES FOR COLLECTING SAID VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, PROVIDING FOR THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SAID VOLUNTARY CHARGES; IDENTIFYING CERTAIN NON-DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR WHICH SAID VOLUNTARY CHARGE MAY BE USED; PROVIDING FOR AN AMOUNT WHICH MAY BE CHARGED; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Port St. Joe, Florida provides certain utility services within the City and certain areas of Gulf County, including water, sewer and garbage pickup; and

WHEREAS, utility customers are billed on a monthly basis by the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it would be beneficial to the citizens of the City to have the opportunity to voluntarily contribute to certain City expenditures for the benefit of certain non-departmental organizations that the City partially fund, that provide services which might otherwise have to be provided by the City; and

WHEREAS, the monthly utility bills provide the best and most convenient vehicle for allowing such voluntary contributions,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of City Commissioners of the City of Port St. Joe, Florida as follows:

1. Beginning with the first utility billing cycle which occurs more than 45 days from the date of this resolution, all City utility customers within and without the City shall have the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution for purposes described herein by indicating their willingness to make a contribution on the utility bill and including the amount of the contribution with the payment of the utility bill.

2. City staff is authorized to develop forms and procedures for collecting voluntary contributions. Such procedures shall include guidelines for segregating funds received through voluntary contributions from other City funds so that voluntary contributions may be used only for the purposes described herein.

3. The City appropriates City funds for certain non-departmental organizations that provide services to the citizens of the City and its utility service area that the City might

otherwise be required to provide. Funds received through voluntary contributions pursuant to this Resolution may be used only to fund or partially fund City appropriations to these organizations.

4. The amount of the voluntary contribution shall be determined by the utility customer.

5. All or any portion of the voluntary contributions collected hereunder may be used to fund the following:

Life Management Center of Northwest Florida (for City operations only)  
Gulf County Humane Society  
Gulf County Senior Citizens Association  
Gulf County Association for Retarded Citizens  
Gulf County Chamber of Commerce  
Corinne Costin Gibson Memorial Public Library  
Citywide Fourth of July Celebration

The City Commission shall determine the amount of the appropriation, if any, to these organizations and there is no requirement that the appropriations be made on a pro-rata basis. No portion of the voluntary contributions collected hereunder shall be used for any other purpose.

6. This Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

THIS RESOLUTION ADOPTED THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016, on a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, by the Board of City Commissioners, City of Port St. Joe, Florida.

BOARD OF CITY COMMISSIONERS  
CITY OF PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

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