

Wilmington, Delaware
September 5, 2019

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Sponsor:

**Council
President
Shabazz**

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WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services manage financial assistance programs for municipalities to aid low-income residents within new wastewater and drinking water project areas; and

WHEREAS, examples of such programs are the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and the Additional Subsidization Assistance Program for Low-Income Subgroups (062816); and

WHEREAS, these programs provide selected municipalities with the funding to provide financial assistance to residents eligible for assistance based on the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant State Low-Income levels and are unable to pay their water and/or sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wilmington is home to many economically diverse communities, many of which would benefit from having assistance in paying their water and/or sewer bills; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the City of Wilmington becomes eligible to apply for funding from the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and the Additional Subsidization Assistance Program for Low-Income Subgroups (062816); and

WHEREAS, all residents and visitors of the City of Wilmington should have access to safe drinking water and wastewater services. The Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, and the Additional Subsidization Assistance Program for Low-Income Subgroups (062816) will ensure that the most economically disadvantaged households in the City have access to these basic human needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON that City Council strongly encourages the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services to have revisions finalized before the end of this calendar year in order to move forward with the grant application process for the Additional Subsidization Assistance Program for Low-Income Subgroups (062816) within the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Passed by City Council,

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

SYNOPSIS: This Resolution calls on and strongly encourages the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services to have revisions completed for the grant application process regarding the Additional Subsidization Assistance Program for Low-Income Subgroups (062816) before the end of this calendar year.