

CITY OF SEGUIN

RESOLUTION NO. _____

STATE OF TEXAS

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEGUIN, TEXAS
APPROVING THE ROLL UP SEGUIN INITIATIVE THAT WILL PROVIDE
FUNDS FOR UTILITY ASSISTANCE DERIVED FROM ROLLING UP
CUSTOMER UTILITY BILLS TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR; AND DECLARING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, a number of Seguin residents, particularly the elderly and persons with disabilities, live at or below the poverty level; and

WHEREAS, persons with limited financial means, at times, have difficulty in making utility payments during the times when extreme heat or cold cause an increase in those costs; and

WHEREAS, the Community Council of South Central Texas ("CCSCT") provides some funding to assist low income families with payment of utility bills; and

WHEREAS, other local utilities, including GVEC, have an assistance program that provides low income families with utility bill payment assistance; and

WHEREAS, city staff is proposing the "Roll Up Seguin Program" wherein each utility bill will be rounded up to the nearest dollar with the funds collected placed into a special account to be used to assist CCSCT clients with utility bill payment; and

WHEREAS, the Roll Up Program will be established automatically with the maximum cost to any utility account would be \$11.88 per year; and

WHEREAS, each account holder may, however, opt out the Roll Up Seguin Program; and

WHEREAS, the attached Agreement provides for program administrative services through CCSCT.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of Seguin, Texas:

PART ONE. The City Council of Seguin, Texas hereby established the Roll Up Seguin Program to provide utility bill assistance services to low income families as established by the criteria set up by CCSCT and the attached Agreement with the City.

PART TWO. The program shall consist of:

1. The amount due for each utility account shall be increased by rolling up to the nearest dollar.
2. Any account holder may contact the utility billing office to opt out of the Roll Up Seguin Program.

3. The collected funds shall be kept in a segregated account to be used only for the Roll Up Seguin Program.

4. Persons meeting the qualification for the Roll Up Seguin Program must also be enrolled in the Roll Up Seguin Program in order to receive assistance funds.

5. Assistance shall be limited to the services received from the City.

PART THREE. The attached Agreement with CCSCT for administrative services is hereby approved.

PART FOUR. This Resolution is effective from and after its passing with the Roll Up Seguin program to begin with the October billing cycle.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 4th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2018.

DON KEIL, MAYOR

ATTEST:

NAOMI MANSKI, CITY SECRETARY