## TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD RESOLUTION 2023-6-7

## 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 TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL WASTEWATER USERS IN CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP

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; and, (2) placing or selling a lien on real property for the unpaid balance of water charges of any residential customer; and

**WHEREAS**, the 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 Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey that the Mayor and Township Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Vendor's Agreement with the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) in the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

## **CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE**

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I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on June 22, 2023 at which a quorum was present.

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Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC Township Clerk

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