

AN ORDINANCE amending Section 118-203, Basis for computation, and Section 118-206, Billing and Collection Procedures, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Joplin to implement certain language changes; and setting a date when this Ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the City of Joplin provides sanitary sewer service and billing service to customers in Joplin, Missouri and has established charges for such services, and,

WHEREAS, the City has determined certain language changes are required to appropriately bill customers, and,

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Joplin desires to make certain language changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Joplin, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 118-203, Basis for computation, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 118-203. Basis for computation.

...

Sewer service charges for residential establishments shall be based upon the average consumption for the months of December, January, and February and shall be billed monthly for the twelve-month period beginning in April of each year on the basis of said average monthly water consumption for the immediately preceding months of December, January, and February.

Residential sewer service charges based upon the average consumption for a user at a location less than a full month shall be prorated to the number of days the same user is at the same location.

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Section 2. That Section 118-206, Billing and Collection Procedures, of Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be amended to read as follows:

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(b) Every sewer service charge specified in this section remaining unpaid for 30 days after the date of its billing may be increased by ten percent of the total outstanding balance.

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Section 3. That this ordinance shall become effective on June 15, 2013.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 3rd day of June, 2013

Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST: Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: Brian W. Head, City Attorney