

AN ORDINANCE

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

WHEREAS, the City is assuming the sewer billing and collection services from a third-party, and,

WHEREAS, the City charges a fee for sewer services and bills such fees on a periodic basis to its citizens and residents and the adjacent area; and,

WHEREAS, the City is obligated to collect delinquent sewer bills from its citizens and residents so served; and,

WHEREAS, the City has contracted with the Water Company to terminate water service for unpaid sewer bills; and,

WHEREAS, the City will pay a fee for the termination of water service; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to pass the cost of this service to the citizens and residents receiving this service.

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

Section 1. That Article II, Sewers and Sewage Disposal, of Division 6, Rates and Charges, of Chapter 118, Utilities, be amended in 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 be enacted to read as follows:

"Sec. 118-206. Billing and collection procedures.

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(e) In addition to any fees or charges established pursuant to this chapter, there shall be a fee for the termination of water service due to a delinquent sewer bill that remains unpaid or in arrears for at least thirty (30) days. The fee shall be established by the Water Company for (1) standard termination or restoration per metered connection, including unsuccessful attempts and (2) after hours restoration per metered connection, including unsuccessful attempts.

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Section 2. That this ordinance shall become effective December 1, 2012.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOPLIN, MISSOURI, this 5th day of November, 2012.

Melodee Colbert-Kean
Melodee Colbert-Kean, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Hogelin
Barbara L. Hogelin, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian W. Head
Brian W. Head, City Attorney