

CHAPTER XV. UTILITIES

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

15-101. DEFINITION. For purposes of this article "utility services" shall include water, sewer, solid waste (refuse), electricity, and other utility services provided by the city. (Code 2008)

15-102. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. Unless otherwise provided, water, sewer, electrical or other utility service shall be terminated for nonpayment of service fees or charges in accordance with sections 15-104:105. (Code 2008)

15-103. BILLS DUE DATE; PENALTY FOR DELINQUENCY.

(a) All water, trash, sewer and electrical bills shall be due and payable on the 10th ~~1st~~ day of each month for water and electric received to the last meter reading date to the meter reading date prior thereto, which date shall be on or about the 25th ~~20th~~ day of each and every month, and for sewer and trash charges corresponding to the water meter reading date.

(b) If payment for all such bills is not made by the closing hour of the office of the city clerk on the 25th ~~20th~~ day of the month, a 10 percent penalty shall be added to the bill. If the 25th ~~20th~~ of the month falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or any legal holiday, the applicable penalty will not be added until the close of regular business hours of the office of the city clerk on the next normal working day following the due date.

(c) Payments by mail, properly stamped and addressed, will be considered as made upon the date and hour of the postmark, and payments deposited after office hours and prior to the opening hour of the office of the city clerk on the next normal working day in the drop slot installed at the office of the city clerk, will be considered as made prior to the closing hour of the office on the next normal working day preceding that hour. (Code 2008; O. 2004)

15-104. DISCONNECT, RECONNECT CHARGES. If a utility bill has not been paid on or before the due date as provided in this chapter, a penalty for non-payment shall be assessed as stated on the utility bill. The amount due, plus penalty shall be due by the 30th ~~25th~~ of the month unless the 30th ~~25th~~ falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, in which event the customer has until the close of the next business day in which to pay the charges. If payment is not made, water, electrical, and sewer service shall be discontinued. Service that has been discontinued in accordance herewith will not be renewed until all bills and penalties are paid, specifically including water, electrical, and sewer charges, including a further sum of \$75.00 for reconnecting water service and \$75.00 for reconnecting electric service located within or outside the city limits. (Code 2008, O. 1055; O. 1072; O. 2004)

15-105. REPEALED. (O. 1055)

15-106. CONNECT FEES. (a) That any person, firm or corporation adjacent to the city's lines desiring a connection with the city power system shall apply to the City Clerk of said city and shall accompany such application with a non-refundable service connection fee of \$50.00 ~~\$75.00~~. No connection shall be made until said service connection fee has been paid and until all bills due for past electric service rendered by said city shall be paid.

(b) That any person, firm or corporation adjacent to the city's lines desiring a connection with the city water system shall apply to the City Clerk of said city and shall accompany such application with a non-refundable service connection fee of \$50.00 ~~\$75.00~~. No connection shall be made until said connection fee has been paid and until all bills due for past water service rendered by said city shall be paid.

(c) That the City may, upon application of any person, firm or corporation adjacent to the City's power lines or water system may elect to reduce or waive the connection fees set forth subsections (a) and (b) above if;

(1) The person, firm or corporation has, within the five years preceding the application, been prior residents, businesses or operations within the City and, during the prior term of residence, business or operation had no delinquent utility payments and left all utility accounts in good standing; or

(2) As part of any housing or economic incentive program adopted by the City. (O.1015;O.1072;O.1076;O. 2012;Code 2008)

15-107. SUPERINTENDENT OF UTILITIES AND PUBLIC SERVICES; POWERS AND DUTIES. (a) The superintendent of utilities and public services shall have supervision over the keeping and repair of all streets, alleys and public thoroughfares of the city.

(b) He or she shall have charge of the operation and maintenance of the electric system and the sanitary sewer collection system.

(c) He or she may be designated as the building, plumbing, and electrical inspector and shall perform such inspection duties as may be required of him or her by the code or ordinances of the city and the mayor and council.

(d) He or she shall have supervision over the maintenance and upkeep of the city park

(e) He or she shall have charge of and control over all tools, equipment, and machinery used in connection with the duties set forth in this section.

(f) He or she shall perform such other duties as may be directed by the mayor, city council or any committee of the council. (Code 2008)