

ORDINANCE NO. 1574

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 22 – WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL – ARTICLE 2 – WATER BY AMENDING SECTION 22-21 REGARDING SERVICE APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT AND SECTION 22-27 REGARDING PAYMENT OF THE USER'S WATER SERVICE CHARGES, PENALTIES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MADISON, SOUTH DAKOTA:

That Section 22-21 and Section 22-27 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Madison, also known as the Code of Ordinances, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 22-21. Service application and deposit.

- (a) Past due bills. No person owing the City for past water bills will be furnished with water service until all past due water bills owed to the City are paid in full.
- (b) Service application. Any person desiring water service from the City shall apply at the City Finance Office on an application provided for the purpose. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) application fee will be charged. This application fee will also be charged to present consumers re-establishing water service at a new location within the City.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take or use water from the City water distribution system without having made application and having paid the application fee to the City. No person shall turn on or shut off water at any valve, curb cock, corporation cock or other place regulating the supply of water to any premises or part of the waterworks system except duly authorized employees of the water department, provided, however, that any licensed plumber may turn on or shut off water for the purpose of testing his work but shall leave the valve or curb cock in the same position in which he found it.

Sec. 22-27. Payment of the user's water service charges, penalties and discontinuance of service.

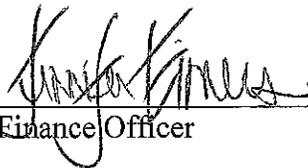
- (a) Payment of water bills rendered shall be due by the date as listed on the utility bill, but in no event shall be less than 10 days from mailing by the City Finance Office. The rates shall be five (5) percent greater on accounts unpaid by the due date stated on the bill.
- (b) Consumers who are delinquent on their water bills will be immediately mailed a "Notice of Delinquent Account" which will detail the past due amount and additional penalty amount due. If payment is still not received at the City Finance Office by the time and date noted on the "Notice of Delinquent Account", all utility services to the consumer will be terminated by disconnection.
- (c) Payment Agreements may be negotiated with the City Finance Office and additional fees may be applied.
- (d) A water account which has been terminated by disconnection will be reinstated when requested by the customer and when all bills on said account have been paid in full, including a reconnect

charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for residential customers or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for commercial or industrial customers if the water service is reconnected during regular water department working hours or one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for residential customers or two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for commercial or industrial customers if the water service is reconnected after regular water department working hours.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2015.

CITY OF MADISON


Mayor

ATTEST: 
Finance Officer

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