

ORDINANCE NO. 2020-07

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE FOR THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, REGARDING CONTRACTED COLLECTION AGENCY SERVICES TO COLLECT DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND ASSESS COLLECTION COSTS AND FEES.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2, Article VI, related to the Administration of the City Finances, of the Code for the City of St. George, Kansas shall be amended to establish the authority to contract with a collection agency in order to collect outstanding debts from delinquent accounts accrued from unpaid utility bills and City service fees. The collection process shall also allow for assessment of collection costs and fees to the debtor account holder.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS:

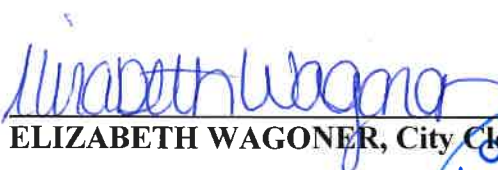
**Section 1. Amendment.** That a new section, 2-171, is hereby created, which shall read as follows:

**2-171. DEBT COLLECTION.** The City is authorized to contract debt collection services to collect selected delinquent accounts. The debtor account holder owing unpaid utility bills or City service fees shall pay any and all charges related to the reasonable costs of collection of any fine/fee/costs of services, as well as any costs/assessments for clean-up of the property for a municipal violation that is the issue therein. This specifically applies to, but is not limited to, charges for water, sewer, trash, property code violations, fines, fees, interest accrued thereon, and any other debt due and owing to the municipality. The costs of collection include, but are not limited to, court costs, surcharges, attorney fees, and collection agency fee, except that such costs of collection may not include both attorney fees and collection agency fees.

**Section 2.** All ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and shall be published in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2020, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.

  
ELIZABETH WAGONER, City Clerk

  
TIM PRALLE, Mayor

