

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 32-24 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO PAYMENTS OF WATER/SEWER BILLS.

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

Section 1. Amendment. That Section 32-24 of the Code of the City of St. George, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-24 Payments and delinquent accounts.

- (a) All monthly water/sewer bills are due and payable at city hall upon receipt, and will be marked as delinquent at the end of business day on the 25th. If any water/sewer bill is not paid by the end of the business day on the 25th day, the city shall be entitled to a late fee of 15 percent of the unpaid balance upon each occurrence and each consecutive monthly reoccurrence and a delinquency and termination notice shall be issued containing the following information:
 - (1) The amount due on the unpaid balance plus late fees.
 - (2) The customer's right to a hearing before the governing body or the governing body's delegate by appointment.
 - (3) Notice a \$100.00 delinquent fee will be incurred and that service will be terminated if the bill remains unpaid for Seven (7) days following the due date.
- (b) In the event the 25th falls on a non-open business day, weekend, or holiday, any payment received in the drop box at city hall the next business day before the opening of business, will be posted the 25th and not incur a late fee. Any payment received after the open of business on the next business day will have a late fee added to their account. In addition to the late fee set forth above, any payment remaining delinquent for more than Seven (7) days, shall incur an additional One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) delinquent fee.
- (c) A signed payment agreement may be completed in order to prevent shut off of water service for non-payment. A limit of three signed payment agreements per customer per calendar year will be allowed. The governing body reserves the right to deny a payment agreement. If the water service is terminated because of non-payment and the water bill is thereafter paid in full, water service to the premises may be reinstated on payment of the delinquent fee in full. If a customer turns on his water service, he will be issued a summons to court.
- (d) In the event that the city receives more than one insufficient funds check from a customer in payment of his water bill, then the customer shall, in all future payments of his water bill, pay the same in cash or money order payable to the city. Receipt of such insufficient funds check shall be treated by the city clerk as


an unpaid water bill, and if not rectified by the last day of the month, in which the billing was sent, will caused the city clerk to send the seven-day termination notice as described in subsection (a) of this section. Any insufficient funds check returned for any reason shall be charged the maximum fee allowed by the state.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

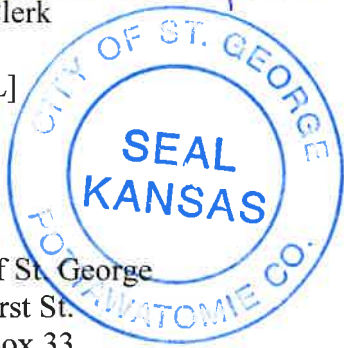
PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 14 DAY OF ^{February} ~~JANUARY~~ 2019, BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS.

ATTEST:


Timothy Pralle, Mayor


City Clerk

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