

ORDINANCE NO. 1292

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE I, 15-102, 15-103, 15-104, 15-105, 15-106 AND 15-215 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, DEALING WITH DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, UTILITY DEPOSITS AND ESTABLISHING A SERVICE FEE FOR THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF
THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS;

SECTION 1. That Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-102 is hereby repealed and the following should be the new Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-102:

15-102. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS. Unless otherwise provided, water, sewer, solid waste (refuse), or other utility services shall be terminated for nonpayment in full for service fees or charges incurred each month.

SECTION 2. That Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-103 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. That Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-104 is hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. That Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-105 is hereby repealed and the following should be the new Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-103:

15-102. SERVICE TERMINATION AND RECONNECTION FEES. If any bill for water, sewer, solid waste (refuse), or any other utility service is not paid in full on or before the 25th day of each month, service to such customer shall be disconnected and shall not be reconnected until the past due bill is paid in full, together with a reconnection charge of \$20.00. Provided, however, if said customer shall be disconnected for a repeat time within a calendar year of the first date of disconnection, then the reconnection fee shall be \$20.00 multiplied by the number of disconnections within said calendar year. All monthly billing statements shall state "bills not paid in full on or before the 25th day of each month, shall be disconnected." The city clerk is not required to mail or give additional notices of delinquencies other than the monthly statements. The city clerk shall notify the superintendent of all delinquencies on the 26st day of each month and the superintendent shall proceed immediately to disconnect all unpaid services.

SECTION 5. Chapter XV, Article I, 15-106, dealing with utility deposits, is hereby repealed and the following shall be the new Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-104:

15-104. SERVICE FEE. (a) At the time of making application for utility service,

the property owner or customer shall pay a service fee for connection in the amount set by the Governing Body. Receipt thereof shall be issued to each customer.

(b) The following are established as service fees to connect to the water works system of the City:

Residential -	\$50.00.
Commercial -	
A. Retail using 10,000 gallons of water or less per month -	\$100.00;
B. Retail using 10,000 to 50,000 gallons of water per month -	\$200.00; and
C. Retail using over 50,000 gallons of water per month -	\$300.00.
Industrial and Manufacturing -	
A. Using up to 50,000 gallons of water per month -	\$200.00;
B. Using from 50,000 to 1,000,000 gallons of water per month -	\$500.00; and
C. Using over 1,000,000 gallons of water per month -	\$1,000.00.

Residential service fees shall increase by the amount of \$50.00 each time a customer leaves town or abandons utility services owing a bill.

(c) All utility deposits remaining prior to the passage of this ordinance shall be kept by the City Clerk in a separate account and deposited in a fund designated as the "meter deposit fund." Interest shall be payable at the rate determined by the state corporation commission yearly and credited to the customer's account January 1st of each calendar year.

(d) On the second interest payment date following the deposit required above, the City Clerk shall refund any utility deposit remaining prior to the passage of this ordinance of any depositor who is the owner of the premises wherein such utility service is being furnished and has not been delinquent in payment of any utility service charge during the past year. Interest due and accrued shall not draw interest.

(e) Upon discontinuance of service the service fee will not be refunded and will not be a credit towards the payment of a final bill rendered to the customer.

(f) Any security deposits not refunded within three years after discontinuance of service and prior to the passage of this ordinance, shall be deposited in the water fund of the City upon compliance with the provisions of K.S.A. 12-822 as amended.

SECTION 6. Chapter XV, Article I, 15-215, dealing with utility deposit, is hereby repealed and the following shall be the new Chapter XV, Article 1, 15-215:

15-215 UTILITY SERVICE FEE. At the time of making application for water service, the property owner or customer shall pay any service the in the amount and manner specified in section 15-104.

SECTION 7. Service fees are non-refundable and will not be a credit towards any outstanding bills.


SECTION 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 9. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force beginning July 1, 2011.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 16th day of May 2011.


Marie Nepple, Mayor

ATTEST:


Janice Blancett, City Clerk