

The following Ordinance was introduced by Councilperson Philips at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on October 13, 2020, and is presented for adoption by Councilperson Phillips at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winnfield City Council held on November 10, 2020, to-wit:

ORDINANCE NO. 11 of 2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 19-3 AND 19-7 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WINNFIELD TO PROVIDE IN ADDITION TO THE OTHER PROVISIONS THEREIN A SERVICE CHARGE FOR ANY UTILITY BILL NOT PAID BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 25TH OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT NOVEMBER AND FEBRUARY WHEN THE BILL IS TO BE PAID BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON THE 20TH OF THE MONTH.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Winnfield, Louisiana that Section 19-3 and 19-7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Winnfield is hereby amended to provide as follows.

SEC. 19-3 WHEN BILLS TO BE PAID; FAILURE TO PAY WHEN DUE, PENALTIES

All bills for electric current and/or water and sewer sold by the City shall be paid in full on or before the twelfth (12th) day of the month following the period for which the service is rendered. It is further provided that any portion of the bill not paid prior to the twelfth (12th) of the month will be assessed a penalty of ten (10) percent of the amount due, and that the entire bill shall be paid by the close of business on the twenty-fifth (25th) of each month, and failure to pay by the close of business on the 25th of the month will result in a service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25), whether or not there has been a disconnection of service, without any further notice until such time as the bill, penalties and service charge is paid in full, with the exception of the months of November and February in which the entire bill shall be paid by the close of business on the twentieth (20th) day of the month, and failure to pay will result in a penalty of ten (10) percent of the amount due and a service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), whether or not there has been a disconnection of service, without any further notice until such time as the bill, penalties and service charge is paid in full.

SEC. 19-7. CHARGE FOR TRANSFERS AND DISCONNECTING AND RECONNECTING SERVICE

A charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), together with all amounts due the City for the disconnected utility service shall be made for the transfer of utility service from one location to another where the service continues to be rendered to the same customer. An additional service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25) shall be charged if the utility bill is not paid as provided in Sec. 19-3. If service is disconnected for a period in excess of thirty (30) days the customer shall be considered a new customer and be required to pay all sums due the City and post a new deposit for utility service.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana, that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Winnfield, Winn Parish, Louisiana that this ordinance is deemed severable and accordingly, should any part or portion hereof be declared invalid or unconstitutional, then the rest and remainder of the ordinance which can be enforced without regard to such invalid or unconstitutional part or portion shall remain in full force and effect.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2021. The above Ordinance was introduced on October 13, 2020. A hearing on the above Ordinance was held on November 10, 2020, at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana, and thereafter the vote thereon was recorded as follows, to-wit:

YEAS: 5(Phillips, Hamms, Junkin, Holden, Millet)
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAINING: 0

Thereupon the Mayor declared the Ordinance passed/failed by a vote of 5 yeas and 0 nays, on the 10th day of November 2020, at a special meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winnfield, Louisiana.

Katina Smith

KATINA SMITH, CITY CLERK

George Moss

GEORGE MOSS, MAYOR