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ORDINANCE NO. 6519

City of Parsons, KS

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARSONS, AMENDING CHAPTER 580, SECTIONS 580-37 AND 580-38 AND REPEALING SECTIONS 1 AND 2 OF ORDINANCE NO. 6041.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF PARSONS, KANSAS:**

Section 1. That Section 580-37 of Chapter 580, of the City Code of the City of Parsons, Kansas be amended so that the section reads as follows:

Section 580-37. Discontinuance of services; reconnection.

In case of any unpaid bill against the property for any customer for water and/or wastewater service, connection fees, or other merchandise or services, or should the customer or property owner tamper with any water main, water meter, or wastewater line, or make any unauthorized connection to the water or wastewater systems, or allow more than one premises to be furnished with water or wastewater service from one connection, or in the event of any violation by the customer or said property owner of the ordinances, rules and regulations of the city relating to the water and wastewater systems, service may be discontinued without notice and the following charges, in addition to the bill, must be collected before the water is again turned on:

- (1) Reconnection Fee:
  - a. During regular working hours \$25.00
  - b. After regular working hours \$40.00
  - c. The above fee shall double in the event a customer has been shut off in the previous six (6) months.
  
- (2) The reconnection fee due to the removal of the meter for non-payment and unauthorized turn-on of water service after termination by the department shall be as follows:
  - a. During regular working hours \$50.00
  - b. After regular working hours \$80.00
  - c. The above fee shall double in the event a customer has been shut off in the previous six (6) months.

Section 2. That section 580-38 of the Chapter 580 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Parsons, Kansas be amended so that the section reads as follows:

Section 580-38. Connection Fees and Services Deposits.

CONNECTION FEES:

Prior to furnishing water and/or wastewater service to a residential or commercial unit, the consumer shall pay a connection fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost associated with the connection of said services. This fee is charged for each residential meter and each commercial meter.

When transferring water and/or wastewater services from one location to another location the consumer will pay a connection fee of \$25.00 to cover the cost associated with the transfer of said service. This fee is charged for each residential meter and each commercial meter.

SERVICE DEPOSIT:

Anytime a consumer connects to a meter larger than one inch the consumer may be required to furnish a letter or credit or a service deposit in the amount of one and one half times the reasonably estimated monthly consumption.

A residential consumer who has repeatedly (two or more times in a twelve month period) disconnected for non payment may be required at the discretion of the Utility Office Manager to post a residential service deposit in the amount of \$30.00 per residential unit to insure payment of the bill before service is reconnected.

A commercial consumer who has been repeatedly (two or more times in a twelve month period) disconnected for non payment may be required at the discretion of the Utility Office Manager to post a commercial service deposit in the amount of one and one half times the normal monthly bill to insure payment of the bill before service is reconnected.

Service deposits will be returned at the end of 24 months providing the consumer has not been disconnected for non payment of a bill.

A service deposit requirement will be in additional to the connection fee.

Section 3. Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 6041 is hereby repealed.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in effect after its publication in the official city paper.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2022.

  
Leland Crooks, Mayor

Attest:

  
Robyn Baker, City Clerk