

ORDINANCE NO. 204

AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND COSTS FOR DISCONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE BY THE TOWN OF RAMONA"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Board for the Town of Ramona, South Dakota,

That the Ordinances of Ramona, South Dakota, be amended by adding a new section as follows:

Section 1. The rates and charge for water service supplied through the municipal water system shall be as provided by ordinance.

Section 2. Payment date for bill. Payment of water bills rendered shall be due by the date as listed on the utility bill, but in no event shall be later than the tenth (10th) of the following month from mailing by the Town Clerk.

Section 3.

- A. Consumers who are delinquent on their water bills, as defined by Section 2, will be immediately mailed a "notice of account delinquent" which will state that the consumer will be given seven (7) days to make payment, and if full payment is not received at the end of seven (7) days, proceedings will be implemented to terminate utility service.
- B. If the water consumer has not made full payment of the delinquent amount within seven (7) days, as stated in the "notice of account delinquent", the Town Board will direct the Town Clerk, in writing, to issue a written notice to said water consumer that water service will be terminated after seven (7) days. Said notice will give the time and date disconnection will commence, the exact dollar amount which is delinquent and must be paid to retain water service, and state the reason upon which the disconnection is based. Unless the consumer has entered into a payment agreement with the Town, water service will be terminated on the date sent out in said notice if the delinquent amount as stated in the letter is not paid in full.
- C. A water account which has been terminated either by disconnection or remains unpaid at the time scheduled for disconnection will not be reinstated until all billings on said account have been paid in full, including a reconnect/reinstatement charge of twenty (\$20.00) if the water utility service is reinstated during the regular working hours and fifty dollars (\$50.00) if the water utility service is reconnected after regular working hours.

Discontinued service will be resumed only upon full payment of all water billings and the above water service charge.

Section 4. The Town shall not be liable for fires, nor for any injury to the person or to the property of any person arising out of, or by reason of the use of such water, nor for any interruption of the service arising from the breakage of any machinery or appurtenances or any stoppage for needed repairs, nor on account of stoppage arising from any accident.

Town Board President

Attest:

Town Clerk

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