

ORDINANCE NO. 686

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE V, CHAPTER 50, SECTION 50.01 OF THE VILLAGE OF MURRAY, NEBRASKA, CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED UTILITY BILLS; COLLECTION, BY DELETING THE SAME IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING THE FOLLOWING AS IT RELATES TO UTILITY BILLS AND COLLECTION OF UTILITY BILLS FOR THE VILLAGE OF MURRAY, NEBRASKA; TO REPEAL ALL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLICATION IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF MURRAY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Title V, Chapter 50, Section 50.01 of the Village of Murray, Nebraska, Code of Ordinances, is amended by deleting the same in its entirety and substituting the following:

§ 50.01 UTILITY BILLS; COLLECTION.

(A) Charges for water and sewer service shall be billed jointly on a monthly basis, calculated during the last week of the month. Utility bills shall be mailed during the last week of each month and shall be due upon receipt and payable by the tenth day of each month. Bills paid after the tenth day of each month shall have a penalty charge added thereto in an amount set by fee ordinance of the governing body and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

(B) Utility bill payments will be considered delinquent if not paid by the end of the first scheduled work day after the tenth of each month. Upon being deemed to be delinquent, as herein defined, the utility department may discontinue service pursuant to § 50.02. Once discontinued, service shall not be recommenced except upon payment in full of all delinquent charges and upon further payment of a reconnection fee in an amount set by fee ordinance of the governing body and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

(C) The municipality may also take any action authorized by law to effect collection of the delinquent charges. If a disconnection is made, reconnection may be made during regular working hours, upon payment of the account in full, plus a reconnection charge in an amount set by fee ordinance of the governing body and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk. Any payments made to the governing body which are returned by a bank for insufficient funds shall immediately place the account of the customer in delinquency and a returned check fee will be assessed in an amount set by fee ordinance of the governing body and on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

(D) Regarding temporary absences of residents for any reason, including but not limited to vacations, temporary closure, or wintering in a warmer climate, no utility account shall be deemed "inactive" unless water service is discontinued at the curb stop by maintenance personnel. The reconnection fee will not apply to reconnecting a temporary service by request of the resident.

Section 2. All other ordinances approved prior to the passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance which conflict with these provisions are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance is adopted and published in pamphlet form, and shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

Passed and approved this 23rd day of JULY, 2024.



Jeff Anderson
Chairperson of Board of Trustees

ATTEST:



Shelli S. Hayes, Village Clerk

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