

### **13.36.020 Responsibility for payment.**

The owner of the real property or a tenant, if the tenant meets the city's requirements, served by the city shall be charged with and shall be personally responsible for the water bills incurred for water service to such property. (Ord. 291 § 5(A), 1984)

## **Chapter 13.44 BILLING PROCEDURES**

### **13.44.010 Payment of bills.**

A. Bills become delinquent ten days after the date upon which they are due. In each case where any bill for water service remains unpaid for sixty days after such bill becomes delinquent, the city shall cause the premises to be disconnected from the municipal water system. Whenever the service to any parcel of land is disconnected for nonpayment of a bill, such water customer shall, upon full payment of delinquent bill and before such service is again resumed, pay to the city a reconnection charge in an amount established by city council resolution, which may be amended from time to time.

B. When service has been discontinued through any fault of the water customer, the city shall require payment of any outstanding water bill plus the reconnection charge established pursuant to subsection A, and the city may require a deposit of one month's charges in advance.

C. In the event of disputed bills, the water customer shall deposit the amount demanded with the city and the matter shall be referred to the city council.

D. For all properties other than residential properties, monthly bills for water and sewer charges, delinquent notices, and shutoff notices will be mailed to the property owner. (Ord. 420 § 2, 2010; Ord. 324, 1988; Ord. 319, 1988; Ord. 291 § 9, 1984)

E. For residential properties, monthly bills for water and sewer charges, delinquent notices, and shutoff notices will be mailed to the property owner. If the tenant has taken responsibility for water service, then the tenant will also be mailed the monthly bill and notices. (Ord. 420 § 2, 2010; Ord. 324, 1988; Ord. 319, 1988; Ord. 291 § 9, 1984)

### **13.44.015 Disconnection of residential water service for non-payment.**

A. The policy for disconnection of residential water service shall be adopted by resolution of the council.

### **13.44.020 Charges a debt to city.**

A. Charges for water when the landowner is the water customer shall be a lien upon the premises as provided by statute. Whenever a bill for water service remains unpaid ninety days after the bill is due, the city may file with the recorder of the county a statement of lien claim. This statement shall contain the legal description of the premises served, the amount of the unpaid bill, and a notice that the city claims a lien for this amount as well as for all charges for water served subsequent to the period covered by the bill. A list of all such delinquent charges shall be recorded at least every six months.

B. A deposit is required for all tenants that take responsibility for water service at a property. The deposit amount will be set by council resolution and amended from time to time. Whenever a bill for water service remains unpaid sixty days after the bill becomes delinquent, the city will apply the deposit amount to pay the outstanding charges and service will be disconnected. If service is disconnected for non-payment, the tenant will be required to pay the reconnection fee in addition to the deposit amount to resume service. The city will use all legal remedies available to collect unpaid utility charges.