

A BILL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 700.170, OF THE STURGEON CITY CODE RELATING TO BILLING REGULATIONS”

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 700.170 of the Sturgeon City Code is hereby changed, altered, and amended to read as follows:

Section 700.170 **Billing Regulations.**

A. Bills for the rates and charges herein established shall be made out by the City Collector and shall be sent out monthly. All bills shall be payable at the office of the City Clerk.

B. Charges for waterworks service and for sewage service shall be united in the same bill and payment of the one (1) charge shall not be accepted without payment of the other charge. The water meters are read on the ~~15th~~ **last day** of each month unless the ~~15th~~ **last day** falls on a weekend or holiday.

C. The bills shall be payable on the ~~first~~ **fifteenth (15th)** day of each month following the reading of the water meters with a delinquent charge of 10% added to the bills ~~after on~~ **the 10th 16th** of each month.

D. If any bills for the service of the combined systems shall remain unpaid by the ~~21st of each~~ **3rd day of the following** month, the water supply for the lot, parcel of land, or premises affected shall be disconnected ~~and a disconnect fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) will be added to the delinquent bill.~~ Services will not be reconnected until payment of the delinquent bill plus ~~the disconnect~~ any fees ~~are is~~ paid in full to the office of the City Clerk.

E. Any payments made payable to the City of Sturgeon which are returned by a banking facility for insufficient funds, account closed, or other reasons shall be assessed a return check fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00) and water supply may be disconnected.

F. Any payment received by the City of Sturgeon in which a signature is required by the individual making the payment is received unsigned; the payment will be returned by mail to the address it came from. A copy of the payment will be retained by the City office. If the payment is not returned within a timely manner, the water supply may be subject to disconnection and a disconnect fee will be assessed.

G. The Sturgeon Board of Aldermen shall review the rates and charges established in this Code at least every two (2) years and revise the rates and charges as necessary to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the cost of operation and maintenance including replacements and that the system continues to provide for the proportional distribution of operation and maintenance including replacement costs amount users.

H. The City will notify each user at least annually in conjunction with a regular bill, of the rate being charges for operation and maintenance including replacement.

I. The user charge rates established in this Article apply to all users regardless of their location to the City's treatment works.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Sturgeon, Missouri this 26th day of February, 2024.

THIS ORDINANCE APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Sturgeon, Missouri this 26th day of February, 2024.

Mayor, Kevin Abrahamson

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Donna Tracy