7.0223 Rates and Charges

Water and sewer rates shall be set from time to time by resolution of the City Council and the City reserves the right to change the rates from time to time as it deems best. The resolution setting water and sewer rates and charges shall be kept on file in the office of the city auditor and shall be open for public inspection.

7.0224 <u>Utility Billing Policies</u>

- 1. The charge for services of water, sewer, garbage collection, mosquito, and street lights and any other charges added by approval of City Council begins when the curb stop is installed and connection made, whether used or not.
- 2. Billing is done monthly based on the meter readings for the month. Meter readings will be collected at the end of each month. (Bills will be completed and mailed by the following business day of the reading collection)
- 3. All bills are due on the 15th of each month. If the bill is not paid by the next billing date, an additional \$3.00 late charge will be applied. (NDCC 13-01-14)
- 4. All accounts must be current by 4pm on the 10th of the month. If balance is outstanding in sixty (60) days and is over \$10.00, it shall be declared delinquent. The City reserves the right to discontinue its services once an account has been considered delinquent.

Delinquent accounts will be notified after the 10^{th} of each month for nonpayment. Account must be paid to current status by 4pm on the 14^{th} of the month or services will be disconnected on the 15^{th} of the month or the Monday following the 15^{th} of the month.

Once service is disconnected, account must be paid in full plus a re-connect fee of \$45.00 before services can be reinstated.

If an account is delinquent on October 15 of each year, the entire balance will assessed to the property taxes. Instead of delinquent notices, notices will be mailed informing balance will be turned over to taxes (no disconnects in month of October).

- 5. Landlords/Property Owners reserve the right to disconnect services at any time. Advance notice must be given to City Hall.
- 6. Bills will only be adjusted one billing cycle once the notice of change is received from resident or owner.

Outside City Limits (120808 Minutes)

Any account located outside the city limits past 30 days due will be considered delinquent and service will be stopped until account paid in full. Any accounts not paid in full after 90 days may be subject to legal action. For services to resume, account must be paid in full.