Ordinance 2025-0004

Ordinance Amending Ordinance 2019-2: Due Dates and Related Provisions

An Ordinance of the City of Kennett Amending Provisions Relating to Billing Due Dates, Fees, Penalties, and Other Matters

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-2 BY REVISING PROVISIONS RELATING TO DUE DATES, FEES, PENALTIES, AND OTHER MATTERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Kennett has determined the need to amend existing provisions to better serve its residents and address current municipal needs;

WHEREAS, ANYTHING MENTIONED IN ORDINANCE 2019-2 NOT MENTIONED IN THIS ODINANCE SHALL REMAIN THE SAME.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND AFFIRMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENNETT, ARKANSAS, AMENDING NOTED SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE 2019-2 AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Delinquent Account Service Fee

All fees and penalties not explicitly amended herein shall remain the same as previously established. If any bill is not paid by the first (1st) day of the following month, (rather than by the 25th) a service fee of forty dollars ($40.00) shall be added to the delinquent account. Past due balance must be paid in full prior to restoring service, this includes the $40 fee.

Section 2: Returned Check Fee

The charge for any returned check shall remain thirty-five dollars ($35.00).

Section 3: Service Call Fee

The fee for service calls shall be ten dollars ($10.00).

Section 4: Property Owner Connections and Usage

A property owner may connect for a fee of twenty-five dollars ($25.00) for a period of up to seven (7) days, provided usage does not exceed one thousand (1,000) gallons. Fees shall be applied for any usage exceeding 1,000 gallons. This provision may be utilized for up to four (4) consecutive weeks. No longer, or service will need to be established.

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Section 5: Deposits

Deposits shall remain the same as set forth in Ordinance 2019-2, being two hundred dollars ($200.00) and a ten-dollar ($10.00) service fee. All other contents of this section shall remain unchanged. On delinquent accounts where theft of services has occurred the water manager shall have the right to adjust deposit to cover any future damage.

Section 6: Commercial and Special Deposits

Deposits for commercial accounts shall be five hundred dollars ($500). Travel meter deposits shall remain at one thousand dollars ($1,000.00). The Manager may continue to assess larger deposits as deemed necessary. On delinquent accounts where theft of services has occurred the water manager shall have the right to adjust deposit to cover any future damage.

Section 7: Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances

Any and all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 8: Late Fee Due Date

The due date for application of the ten percent (10%) late fee is hereby amended to the fifteenth (15th) day of every month, allowing additional time for customers to pay their bills.

Section 9: Sewer Adjustments

Each customer may now be granted up to two (2) sewer adjustments per year, rather than one, for filling a pool or repairing a leak not passing through the sewer system, upon providing proof of repair.

Section 10: Emergency Clause

An emergency is hereby declared to exist. This ordinance shall become effective and be in full force after its passage by the City Council, from and after September 1, 2025.

Passed and adopted this ____th day of August 2025.

Attest:

Allen Edge, Mayor

Allen Edge

Treasure/ Recorder

Scott Lambert