

ADOPTION

INTRODUCTION

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CITY OF COVINGTON STATE OF LOUISIANA

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9 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON**
10 **AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF**
11 **THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES:**
12 **CHAPTER 98 UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND**
13 **CHARGES, TO AMEND SECTION 98-125. NEW SERVICE,**
14 **DEPOSITS, ACCOUNT CREDITS AND METHODS OF**
15 **PAYMENT, SECTION 98-128. CHARGES, PENALTIES, NOTICE**
16 **AND TERMINATION OF SERVICES AND SECTION 98-134.**
17 **BASIC FEE SCHEDULE**
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20 **WHEREAS,** certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the
21 Code addressing utility connection/reconnection times and after hours charges; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Covington City Council deems these amendments
23 appropriate to both timely and compassionately provide services to the citizens of
24 Covington; and

25 **WHEREAS,** the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with
26 law,

27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the City Council of the City
28 of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 98 Utilities, Article IV.
29 Rates and Charges, shall be amended to read as follows:

30 Sec. 98-125. New service, deposits, account credits and methods of payment.

31 (a) *New service.* The Louisiana Identity Theft Prevention Program Rules
32 require that the city maintain proper documentation validating customers' identities
33 and locations. All applicants for new service must present a valid picture ID and a
34 contact number. Proof of ownership reflecting the name of the person applying for
35 service, or authorization for the applicant to request utility service, such as a lease
36 or letter from the property owner, must be provided. ~~New service requests~~
37 ~~received after 3:30 p.m. will not be processed until the following business day.~~
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39 Sec. 98-128. Charges, penalties, notice and termination of services.

40 (b) Penalties.

41 ~~(2) Should reconnection require after hours service, the customer shall be~~
42 ~~charged an additional \$50.00 as an after hours reconnection fee.~~

43 ~~(3)~~ (2) Any check returned for insufficient fund shall be charged a \$25.00 NSF fee
44 which must be paid with the current bill balance. The current balance plus NSF fee

1 must be paid by credit card, money order, cashier's check or cash. A personal
2 and/or corporate check will not be accepted for this payment.
3 (4) (3) Once service is scheduled for disconnection, an additional \$20.00
4 disconnection fee will be applied. The disconnection fee will be charged within 24
5 hours prior to the scheduled disconnection.

6 (d) *Termination of services.* Services will be terminated on any account which
7 is not paid in full by the disconnection date. Accounts for disconnected services
8 must be paid in full at city hall, including the disconnection fee and current
9 monthly charges to date. Personal checks will not be accepted. ~~The city will~~
10 ~~reconnect service within 24 hours of payment. Services will not be reconnected~~
11 ~~until the following business day for payments received after 2:00 p.m.~~ Once
12 services are disconnected, minimum monthly charges will continue to accrue until
13 the balance is paid in full and service is re-established or until the customer signs
14 an end of service release form. Should service not be re-established or terminated
15 within 60 days, the city will automatically terminate service, the meter will be
16 removed, and customer will receive a final bill.

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18 Sec. 98-134. Basic fee schedule.
19 ~~After-hours reconnection fee... ——— \$50.00~~

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22 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that all other sections of Chapter 98
23 Utilities shall remain the same and in full force.

24 **BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance
25 shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein
26 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the
27 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.


28 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having
29 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City
30 of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole,
31 the vote thereon being as follows:

32 **MOVED FOR ADOPTION** by CONER, seconded by ROLLING.

33 **YEAS:** 7 **ABSENT:** 0

34 **NAYS:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

35 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 18th day of NOV., 2014.

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39 R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
40 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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44 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
45 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
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2 Presented to the Mayor this 20th day of Nov., 2014, at 9:30 o'clock A.M.
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6 Bonnie D. Champagne
7 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
8 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL
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12 Approved or Vetoed by the Mayor on this 20th day of November, 2014.
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16 Michael B. Cooper
17 MICHAEL B. COOPER
18 MAYOR
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22 Received from the Mayor on the 20th day of November, 2014, at 10:35
23 o'clock A.M.
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