

ORDINANCE No. 2382

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, ARTICLE 1, SECTION 108 RELATING TO UTILITY CONNECTIONS. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF STERLING, KANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. Chapter 15, Article 1, Section 108 is hereby amended to read as follows:

(a) Every customer shall pay to the City at the time of giving an order for connection to the municipal water system the sum of \$15 for each such connection, and \$15 at the time of giving an order for connection the municipal electrical system.

(b) Upon initiating water or electrical service or transferring such service, each customer shall pay a security deposit of a minimum of \$250.00 or the average of the August, September and October utility bills for the property that service is being established for, whichever is more, unless such customer has established a satisfactory record with the City of Sterling through past dealing or unless such customer can provide the City with proof of satisfactory payment history from a prior water, electric or gas utility. For the purpose of this section, satisfactory payment record shall mean a minimum of 12 months complete and timely utility payment history.

Also, if a current utility customer has their service disconnected because of unsatisfactory payment history, such customer must pay the applicable deposit before the City will consider reestablishing utility service.

(c) The City shall pay to the customer making a utility deposit, interest at the rate determined by law, which interest shall be credited once per year to the customer's outstanding account. If the customer terminates utility service prior to the end of one year following the establishment of service, the City shall credit the customer's outstanding account with the final billing.

(d) A separate account of each utility deposit shall be made showing the date on which such deposit is received, the name of the depositor and the amount thereof.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on December 1, and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2006.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK