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ORDINANCE NO. 325

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UTILITIES; CONCERNING PAYMENT OF BALANCES DUE WHEN CUSTOMERS HAVE HAD UTILITIES SERVICES TERMINATE OR SHUT OFF; AMENDING SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY WITH RESPECT TO PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Pawnee Rock, Kansas:

SECTION 1: Section 15-110 of the 2011 Revised Code of the City of Pawnee Rock is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 15-110. PAYMENT OF BILLS. (a) All utility bills for a given month's service shall be printed in the city clerk's office on the third (3rd) day following the end of that given month's service, or the Friday before such weekend if the third day falls on a weekend or holiday, and must be paid on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the month following the service unless the 25th falls on a weekend or holiday in which case the bill is due the first business day after the 25th. For any billing not paid when due, a late charge of ten percent (10%) will be added to and shown on the printed bill. The late charge is due the day after the bill is due in full. The clerk shall send to all customers whose bill is overdue a past-due letter by the end of the first week of the month following the due date. If accounts remain overdue, a final notice setting forth the actual shutoff date shall be mailed to delinquent customers one week after issuance of the past-due letter. The city shall discontinue service if the bill and all late fees and costs are not paid in full by the shut-off date. (b) If service is discontinued for non-payment of the bill, the clerk shall apply any deposit on file with the clerk, together with accrued interest, against the amounts owed, including all late fees and charges. As a prerequisite to reinstate service in that person's name, the clerk shall require not only that all past-due bills, late fees, and charges be paid in full, but that the customer provide a new utility deposit in the amount set forth in Section 15-105(a) and pay in full any balance due at the time the person seeks reinstatement of services. (Ord. 267; Ord. 285; Code 2011)

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper of the City of Pawnee Rock, Kansas or from and after the city complies with K.S.A. 2012 Supp. 12-3007(b).

SECTION 3: Prior section 15-110 is hereby repealed.

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on _____, 20__)

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This ordinance for the City of Pawnee Rock states if service is discontinued for utilities in Pawnee Rock, that in addition to a reinstatement fee and late fees as a condition of reinstating utilities services, the customer seeking to reinstate service must also pay their current balance due sum.

A copy of the ordinance is available free of charge for viewing at the city offices at any time during office hours. Call the City Clerk at 620-982-4386.

The city's official website URL is:

http://pawneerock-ks.gov. A reproduction of this ordinance is available there for at least one week following summary publication in the official county newspaper.

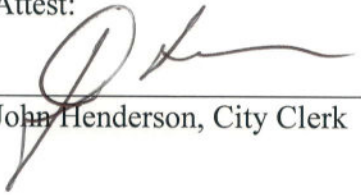
Pursuant to KSA 53-601, as amended, as city attorney, I declare and certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and legally accurate and sufficient.



Ronald D. Smith, #9069
City Attorney

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PAWNEE ROCK AND
APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 4th day of November, 2013.

Attest:



John Henderson, City Clerk



Gary Adams, Mayor

VETO:

I hereby return this Ordinance within thirty (30) days of the date of enactment by the City Council and hereby veto said ordinance.

Date Vetoed: _____

Mayor