

ORDINANCE NO. 61

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR DEPOSIT, DISCOUNT AND DISCONNECTION REGULATIONS FOR
MUNICIPAL WATER, SEWER AND ELECTRIC SYSTEMS.

The Village Council of Moose Lake, does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Deposits.

Subdivision 1. Every applicant for service and any customer whose credit standing is not satisfactory or who has not been prompt in payment for water, sewer and electric service during the preceding three months shall deposit a sum not exceeding the estimated gross bill for service for any two consecutive months selected by the Village Clerk or the Secretary of the Water & Light Commission, but the amount deposited shall not be less than \$5.00 for each class of service furnished. Deposits shall bear simple interest at the rate of 6% per annum payable from the date of deposit to the date of refund or discontinuance of service, whichever is earlier.

Subdivision 2. A new or additional deposit in any amount not exceeding an amount equal to three months customer's bill may be required upon a 30 day written notice of the need for such deposit in any case where a deposit is found to be inadequate to cover three month's bills as above provided or where a credit investigation report on a customer is not satisfactory.

Section 2. Guarantees.

Subdivision 1. The Village Clerk or the Secretary of the Water & Light commission may accept in lieu of cash deposit provided for in Section 1 a guarantee contract signed by a person whereby payment for service to a customer at a specific location is guaranteed up to a certain sum not exceeding the cash deposit that would otherwise be required. The term of this contract shall be indeterminate, but the guarantor shall not be liable for the payment for service unless a written demand is made of him with-in three months after payment for service is due. The guarantor shall receive copies of all disconnection or delinquency notices sent to the customer whose account he has guaranteed, and he may absolve himself of liability for future service by giving 15 days notice to terminate the guarantee contract.

Subdivision 2. Upon termination of a guarantee contract or whenever the contract becomes insufficient as to the amount or surety or the credit of the guarantor, a cash deposit or a new or additional guarantee may be required upon 15 days written notice to the customer.

Section 3. Payments of Accounts.

Accounts for electric service shall be payable every month and accounts for water and sewer service shall be payable every three months, or at such times and periods as may be designated by the Water & Light Commission or the Village Council for the Village of Moose Lake.

Section 4. Disconnection.

The Village Clerk or the Secretary of the Water and Light Commission shall discontinue the service to any customer upon reasonable notice which shall mean 15 days, for any necessary repairs that are required or if the rules and regulations affecting the electric, sewer and water services are disregarded or upon a 15 day written notice for non-payment of accounts within 10 days after they are due. When the service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills or for disregard of regulations or for needed repairs, it shall not be resumed except upon payment of the account in full of any delinquencies, with interest thereon at the rate of 8% per annum from the day the amount was due or upon full compliance with all regulations and the payment of a fee of \$1.50 for turning on the service.

Section 5. Effective Time.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed by the Village Council of Moose Lake, this 4th day of April, 1966

Attest:

VILLAGE OF MOOSE LAKE.

Harvey Ballard, Clerk

By Clarence Folz, Mayor