

ORDINANCE # 85

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

SECTION I. DEPOSITS: Subd. 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 City Clerk or the Secretary of the Water & Light Commission but the amount deposited shall not be more than \$20.00 for each class of service furnished.

SECTION II. GUARANTIES: Subd. 1. The City clerk or the Secretary of the Water & Light Commission may accept inlieu of cash deposit provided for in Section 1 a guaranty contract signed by a person whereby payment for service to a customer at a certain location is guaranteed up to a specific 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 within 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 guaranty contract.

SECTION III. 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 City Council for the City of Moose Lake.

SECTION IV. DISCONNECTION. The City Clerk or the Secretary of the Water & 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 the 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 \$3.00 for turning on the service.

SECTION V. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1975.

C. L. FOLZ, MAYOR

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