

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-0701

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARDIN, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 2014/03-01.2 FOR REGULATING WASTEWATER SERVICES; PROVIDING A NEW DATE FOR PAYMENT OF LATE FEES; PROVIDING A NEW CUTOFF DATE FOR FAILURE TO PAY FOR WASTEWATER SERVICES; PROVIDING NEW PROCEDURES FOR NOTIFICATION OF LATE FEE AND INTENT TO DISCONNECT SERVICES; PROVIDING A PENALTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hardin, Texas, periodically reviews the Code of Ordinances for the City of Hardin;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Hardin, Texas to amend Ordinance No. 2014/03-01.2 to provide a new date for late penalties to be due for wastewater services;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Hardin, Texas to provide a new cutoff date for wastewater services for failure to pay;

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City of Hardin, Texas to provide an effective date for the new provisions of this ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, Ordinance No. 2014/03-01.2 of the City of Hardin, Texas is amended as follows:

Section 10.0(b) is amended to read as follows following the first sentence of that subsection:

“Wastewater bills for senior citizens, veterans, and the disabled are due on the 15th day of the month.”

The second sentence of Section 10.0(c) is stricken, and the following is inserted in its place:

“The city may accept partial payments for wastewater services; however, if by the disconnect date the city does not receive full payment, including any late fee, for wastewater services from a residential or commercial unit, the city may terminate water services to the residential unit or commercial unit. Before termination of water services, the city shall notify the resident or commercial unit occupant of the late fee and intent to disconnect by telephone or text message if the resident or commercial unit occupant has a working number on file with the city, or by regular mail. Such notice shall be sent no later than the 20th day of the month for which the payment is late.”

Section 10.0(d) is added to read as follows:

“The disconnect date for residential or commercial units that have not paid in full is the first Tuesday or Thursday of the next month to occur after the third day of that month, whichever occurs first.”

This ordinance takes full force and effect once signed by the mayor, attested by the city secretary, and duly published in the newspaper of record.

Passed and attested by the City Council of the City of Hardin, Texas on July 12, 2021.

Original Signature on File
Harry Johnson, Mayor

ATTESTED:

Original Signature on File
Heather Tanner
City Secretary