

ORDINANCE 2022-02
VILLAGE OF MISHICOT

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF MISHICOT BY DELETING AND REPEALING CHAPTER 344-16 THEREOF, FAILURE TO PAY WATER CHARGES, AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 344-16, TO BE ENTITLED "FAILURE TO PAY WATER CHARGES", WHICH CHAPTER PROVIDES FOR A PROCEDURE WHEN CUSTOMERS FAIL TO PAY DELINQUENT UTILITY CHARGES.

It is hereby ordained by the VILLAGE OF MISHICOT, Manitowoc County, Wisconsin, as follows:

Section 1. The Code of the Village of Mishicot is hereby amended by deleting and repealing Chapter 344-16, Failure to pay water charges.

Section 2. The Code of the Village of Mishicot is hereby amended by adding thereto a new chapter, to replace Chapter 344-16 hereinabove repealed, to be Chapter 344-16, to read as follows:

§ 344-16 (A) Water utility customers are billed quarterly for their consumption with payment due within 20 days of the bill date. Any bill not paid within 20 days will incur a late charge and a late notice will be sent as soon as reasonably possible after the 20 days. Furthermore, collection notices will be sent monthly and failure to pay in full or enter into a deferred payment agreement by the next quarterly billing may result in disconnection. Any account not paid in full by November 1 will be subject to a 10% penalty and will be applied to the property tax bill for the service address pursuant to Wis. Stats. 66.0809 (3)

§ 344-16 (B) It shall also be the policy of the Village as provided in Wis. Stats. Ch. PSC 185.37 that where the charges for water consumption furnished to any property not having been paid for a period of one quarter, the water facilities to said property shall be shut down by giving the property owner written notice of disconnection at least 10 calendar days prior to disconnection except as provided in Wis. Stats. Ch. PSC 185.37 (3), (4), and (8).

§ 344-16 (C) In the event of two quarters of delinquency or default on a payment agreement, it shall be the policy of the Village to require a security deposit in the amount of the highest estimated gross bill for any consecutive billing period selected by the utility, to be paid within 30 days of notice unless the customer provides the village with information that their income is at or below 200% of the federal income poverty guidelines. This deposit will be refunded, with interest (set by the PSC) following 12 consecutive months of prompt payment in accordance with Wis. Stats. Ch. PSC 185.36.

§ 344-16 (D) In the event of water theft or meter tampering, service may be discontinued with a written 24-hour notice for nonpayment of a bill as provided in Wis. Stats. Ch. PSC 185.37 (4).

§ 344-16 (E) The Village adopts all other provisions in the Wis. Stats. Ch. PSC 185 Standards for Water Public Utility Service.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect the day after posting.

Passed and adopted this 7th day of June 2022.

Vote For: 6 Vote Against: 0 Not Voting: 1

Signed by: [Signature] Date: 6/7/22
Village President

Attest: [Signature] Date: 6/7/22
Village Clerk/Treasurer

Date adopted: 6/7/22
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