CITY OF MOKANE

BILL # 2018-003

ORDINANCE# 2018-003

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REPLACING ORDINANCE 127 AND 127-1 REGARDING SEWER RATES AND FEES FOR CONSUMERS OF THE CITY OF MOKANE SEWER SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the City of Mokane owns and operates a wastewater treatment system, to serve the citizens of Mokane; and

WHEREAS, the system must maintain sustainability of operations, which includes meeting increasing operational expenses and performing ongoing maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the revenue received by the City must be sufficient to treat wastewater.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOKANE, CALLAWAY COUNTY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 2: Sewer Rates

All users of the sewer system shall pay a monthly fee for use of the system as set forth in this section. Rates can be changed by the Board of Aldermen at any time. The Board of Aldermen shall set, at such times as it may deem necessary, rates for all sewer users. At least 30 days advanced notice shall be given of any such rate increase. The Clerk shall maintain, at all times, a complete and accurate schedule of utility rates available to the public.

1. The property owner shall be liable for payment of the sewer bills and all related charges. Property owners who have renters may request the bills for sewer services be sent directly to the property owner's address. Bills are mailed on the 15th of the month and due by the last day of the month.
2. A deposit of $50 is required for customers moving into a residence or commercial building to receive sewer service. If all sewer charges, including any late fees, interest and other charges have been paid at the time the user discontinues service, then the deposit will be refunded to the depositor.
3. Residential sewer users will be billed $35 per month and non-residential users will be charged rates set individually by the board.
4. A late fee of $15 will be charged per service each month there is an unpaid balance.
5. A $40 fee will be charged on all returned checks. Returned checks must be paid by cash, money order, or cashier's check. If said check fees and total of back fees for the sewer have not been paid within 48 hours of receiving notice the water and/or sewer may be disconnected.

6. A minimum availability fee of $12.50 per month for sewer service will be charged to residential users who are not in continuous residence. Rates for businesses not in continuous operation will be set on a case by case basis by the Board of Aldermen.
7. Any sewer bill that is over $100 can be turned over to the Callaway County Tax Collector for collection on the property owner's taxes, or a lien may be filed against the property at the Board of Aldermen's discretion.
8. A fee of $10 will be charged to send a delinquent/disconnection notice on each service address.
9. A fee of $20 will be charged to place a door hang tag on locations designated for utility disconnect.
10. The user or property owner of any location where service is disconnected, must pay for actual contractor charges and any additional charges relating to disconnection and reconnection before the utility will be put back in service.

Section 3. This ordinance hereby repeals all other ordinances pertaining to all sewer rates heretofore established for the users of sewer provided by the City of Mokane, Missouri, and any and all other ordinances inconsistent herewith. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force May 1, 2018.

First Reading:

AYE: Jo Belmont, Becky Davis, Ray Jennings
NAY: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

Second Reading:

AYE: Jo Belmont, Becky Davis, Ray Jennings
NAY: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

Upon final reading of Bill # 2018-003 and motion and second to approve Bill # 2018-003, and upon majority vote by the Board of Alderman, Bill # 2018-003 will be duly adopted as City of Mokane Ordinance # 2018-003.

Final Reading:

AYE: Jo Belmont, Becky Davis, Ray Jennings
NAY: -0-
ABSENT: -0-

DULY PASSED ON THIS 2ND DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Peggy Nalls

Peggy Nalls, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Niederschulte

Angela Niederschulte, City Clerk

(SEAL)

STATEMENT OF AYES AND NAYS:

AYES 3 NAYS 0

APPROVED THIS 2nd DAY OF APRIL , 2018.

Peggy Nalls

Peggy Nalls, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Niederschulte

Angela Niederschulte, City Clerk

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