

ORDINANCE NO. 01-561

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-402 OF THE FRIEND MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO UTILITY BILLS; TO AMEND PROVISIONS OF THE EXISTING ORDINANCE RELATED TO THE PAYMENT THEREOF AND TO DETERMINE WHEN SUCH BILLS ARE DELINQUENT; AND TO PROVIDE FOR A TIME WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. **UTILITIES GENERALLY; UTILITY BILLS; COLLECTION.** Charges for water, sewer, and electrical service shall be billed jointly on a monthly basis. The Utilities Superintendent shall read, or cause to be read, water and electric meters on or around the fifteenth (15th) of each month. The Municipal Clerk shall bill the consumers and collect all money received by the Municipality on account of the water, sewer, and electrical systems. The Clerk shall faithfully account for and pay to the Municipal Treasurer all revenue collected, taking a receipt therefor and filing the receipt in the official records.

Utility bills shall be mailed on the last day of each month, and shall be due upon receipt and payable by 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of next month. Bills not paid by 5:00 p.m. on the 15th day of each month shall be deemed to be delinquent, and shall be charged a late payment penalty in an amount set by resolution of the Governing Body and on file with Municipal Clerk.

Upon being deemed to be delinquent, as defined above, the Utilities Superintendent may discontinue service pursuant to Section 3-403 of the Municipal Code. Once discontinued, service shall not be recommenced except upon payment in full of all delinquent charges and upon further payment of a reconnection fee in the amount set by resolution of the Governing Body. The Municipality may also take any action authorized by law to effect collection of the delinquent charges. (Ref. 17-542, 17-925.01, 18-416 RS Neb.)

Section 2. **Repeal.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. **When Operative.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of April, 2001.



THE CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA,

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MAYOR

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City Clerk-Treasurer