

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTIONS 24 AND 25 OF ORDINANCE 2014-06, CODIFIED AT SECTIONS 30-347 AND 30-348 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS CLARIFYING THE TIMES WHEN RECONNECTION OF WATER SERVICES WILL BE CONDUCTED.

WHEREAS, the City of Leoti is given the authority to adopt ordinances for the purpose of providing for the safety, preserving the health, and promoting the prosperity and welfare of the citizens of the City of Leoti.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that certain amendments to Sections 30-347 and 30-348 of the City Code are necessary to clarify when reconnection of water services will be conducted once such services have been disconnected for nonpayment.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEOTI, KANSAS:

1. Section 30-347 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting a provision which indicated by striking through the deleted provisions, and adding a provision which are indicated by underlining the added provision as shown below:

Sec. 30-347. - Disconnection (shut-offs) and disconnection fees.

- (a) In the event any monthly water service charges remain unpaid on the 25th day of each month, the city shall have the right to disconnect services provided to such delinquent account. Disconnection of services for delinquent accounts will begin, at a time convenient to the city, on or after the 25th day of each month if payment has not been received prior to that day. A disconnection list will be generated for all delinquent accounts which have an outstanding balance. Simultaneous to generating the disconnection (shut-off) list, a \$20.00 disconnection fee will be applied. The disconnection list will be distributed to the appropriate service personnel who will begin disconnecting utility services. Once the disconnect list has been generated and the \$20.00 disconnect fee applied, the disconnect fee shall not be reversed or refunded for any reason. To reactivate any city utility service that has been disconnected for non-payment, the account holder must pay all amounts owed. Upon payment of the delinquent account in full, a nonrefundable reconnection fee of \$20.00, a nonrefundable disconnection fee of \$20.00, and any other amounts due, the city may reconnect such utility and restore service to such user at a time convenient to the city. ~~Any service reconnected after the regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or during city holidays, shall have the nonrefundable reconnection fee increased to \$30.00.~~ Reconnection of service will occur only during the normal business hours of the City, Monday through Friday.

- (b) If a delinquent account is not brought current within ten days following

disconnection (shut-offs), the delinquent account will be closed and the delinquent account holder will be held liable for the account, and owe the account balance in addition to any applicable fees. If the customer wishes to restore services, a new application for service (service agreement) and a nonrefundable service set-up fee of \$50.00 will be required to establish a new account before providing any utility service.

2. Section 30-348 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting a provision which indicated by striking through the deleted provisions, and adding a provision which are indicated by underlining the added provision as shown below:

Sec. 30-348. - Reconnection and fees.

- (a) A reconnection fee is hereby established in the amount of \$20.00. To reactivate any city utility service that has been disconnected for non-payment, the account holder must pay all amounts owed. Upon payment of the delinquent account in full, a nonrefundable reconnection fee of \$20.00, a nonrefundable disconnection fee of \$20.00, and any other amounts due, the city may reconnect such utility service and restore service to such user at a time convenient to the city. ~~Any service reconnected after the regular office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, or during city holidays, shall have the nonrefundable reconnection fee increased to \$30.00.~~ Reconnection of service will occur only during the normal business hours of the City, Monday through Friday.
 - (b) A utility account holder who has been disconnected for non-payment two or more times in any calendar year (January through December) may be required to pre-pay an amount equal to the average of their last three months billed for city-provided utility services, prior to restoring city utility service.
3. This ordinance shall be in full force and take effect, from, and after, its publication once in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 5th day of June, 2023.

City of Leoti, Kansas

By: Charlie Hughes
Charlie Hughes, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeannine Hassell
Jeannine Hassell, City Clerk

