



STAFF REPORT

Board of Aldermen

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 90 – UTILITIES AND APPENDIX A-FEE SCHEDULE – OF THE BRANSON MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO WATER AND SEWER BILLING PROCESS.

FIRST READING: SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

FINAL READING: OCTOBER 10, 2023

Initiated By: Utilities

Approved By:

Financial Impact: Other (See additional explanation under Detailed Analysis)

Community Plan 2030: EI-1: Utilities

FACTS:

The Utilities Department in conjunction with the Finance Department are requesting a code amendment to Chapter 90 and Appendix A - Fee Schedule to address delinquent customer billings deemed uncollectable based on the customer's ability to pay, and adding the ability to place a lien on properties which fail to satisfy their delinquent billing.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

520 sewer customer accounts within the Taney County Public Water District #3 service area have accumulated a total amount of \$6,400,405.59 in past due billings which have been deemed as uncollectable. Breakdown of the past due total below:

Actual Charges - \$220,135.30

Penalties - \$6,180,270.29

Of the \$6,180,270.29 in penalties, four residential accounts hold the majority of this total. Breakdown of the penalties total below:

Customer A:

Actual Charges - \$2,919.20

Penalties - \$1,512,359.68

Customer B:

Actual Charges - \$4,115.97

Penalties - \$918,482.80

Customer C:

Actual Charges - \$7,089.91

Penalties - \$1,390,384.30

Customer D:

Actual Charges - \$4,927.14

Penalties - \$1,393,971.93

Average Actual Charge out of the 520 customers - \$451.00

Average Penalty Charge out of the 520 customers - \$11,885.14

Average Penalty charge out of the 516 customers (subtracting the four above) - \$1,901.56

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

No Additional Information