



COMMITTEE MEETING

April 02, 2024 at 5:20 PM

Council Meeting Room, 101 North State Street,
Abbeville, Louisiana 70510

AGENDA

NOTICE POSTED: April 1, 2024 at 4:00 P.M.

To allow a public comment period on any agenda item prior to action.

Ordinance Committee - Chaired by Councilman Tony Hardy.

- [1.](#) Discussion pertaining to a proposed ordinance to amend Section 6-13 (c) to remove the word nonconsecutive.

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Sec. 6-13. - Utility account delinquencies; termination of service; billing and collection procedures; additional deposits.

- (a) All utility accounts with the city shall be paid in full not later than the seventh day following the penalty date shown on the utility billing statement sent to the customer.
- (b) All utility customers whose utility bills remain unpaid as of 7:30 a.m. on the designated cutoff day following the penalty date shown on their most current utility bill shall have their utility services immediately disconnected. Unless:
 - (1) The councilman of the district in which the customer lives and either the mayor or councilman at large enter into an agreement with the customer wherein the customer pays the entire unpaid balance within three (3) business days following the designated cutoff day following the penalty date on their most current utility bill.
 - (2) The immediate disconnecting of utility service would result in a life-threatening medical emergency certified in writing by the treating physician. The disconnection of utilities may be delayed if the councilman of the district in which the customer lives and either the mayor or councilman at large agree.
 - (3) Payment is guaranteed in writing by an accredited agency and only for one calendar month.
- (c) No utility customer shall be allowed more than two (2) nonconsecutive payment extensions per calendar year, as provided in subsection (b) hereof, unless authorized by the councilman of the district in which the customer lives and either the mayor or councilman at large, and then only for subsections (b)(2) and (b)(3).
- (d) Extensions of water charges may only be made, from time to time, and in the event of a verified, extreme water leak.
- (e) If any utility payment is made by check which is dishonored by the issuing bank for any reason, payment must be made in cash or certified funds by the delinquent utility customer within forty-eight (48) hours following receipt by the city of the notice of dishonor. If this payment is not made, utility services will be disconnected.
- (f) Unless authorized by the mayor, no reconnections of utility service shall be made after 4:00 p.m. on any weekday or on a legal holiday unless the disconnection was the result of an error by the city or its employees, or when a documented medical hardship or emergency exists.
- (g) If a utility customer is disconnected, all utility delinquencies, including all penalties, reconnect fees, and additional deposits, must be made in full prior to any reconnection of utility service.
- (h) It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or obstruct the billing, collection, and disconnection procedures established herein.
- (i) Any person whose utility services has been disconnected due to nonpayment of utility account or any person attempting to establish a utility account for an address, residence, or structure