

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-1472

SUMMARY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DOUGLAS COUNTY CODE
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AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL OTHER PROPERLY RELATED MATTERS**

The Board of County Commissioners of the County of Douglas, does ordain as follows:

SECTION I. Title 20, Appendix D "Sewer Facilities and Non-Residential Wastewater Discharge Ordinance" Section 20.D.070 (C) Rendering and Payment of Bills is amended with deleted language, shown with a ~~strike through~~ and new language is shown as **underlined and bolded**

20.D.070 Rendering and Payment of Bills

A. Presentment of bills. Statements for sewage rates and charges shall be rendered and mailed to the property owner. The bills shall be due and payable at the Public Works office on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the month. When the 25th day falls on either a Saturday or Sunday, the bill will be due and payable on the following Monday. When the 25th day falls on a holiday, the bill will be due and payable on the next business day. Use charges shall begin to accrue the day on which service becomes available.

B. Rates and charges to constitute lien; remedies; penalties.

1. No application for sewer service shall be accepted from any customer who has any delinquent account.

2. The County may bring an action against the owner of the premises for the collection of the amount of the delinquency, all penalties and costs of collection, including a reasonable attorney's fee. Until paid, all rates, tolls or charges shall constitute a lien on the property and may be foreclosed by the County as provided by statute for the foreclosure of a lien.

3. A basic penalty for the nonpayment of charges when due for the first month's delinquency shall be charged. In addition, a penalty for each month for nonpayment of the charges will be assessed as established by Resolution.

C. No seasonal shutoffs or disconnections are allowed. Customers are responsible for paying the monthly ~~water~~ **sewer** bill regardless of whether or not the dwelling or

commercial building is occupied, except when determined by the County to be uninhabitable, or

The Public Works Director may temporarily reduce the monthly sewer bill when a commercial parcel is unoccupied provided the parcel is independently metered for water and the water meter is locked-off. The monthly sewer bill will be reduced to reflect the fixed operations cost for the sewer utility, as established by resolution adopted by the Board of County commissioners.

The property owner will be responsible for paying any associated fees and charges for the water meter turn-off and turn-on, as established by resolution adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. (Ord. 1438, 2015; Ord. 801, 1998; Ord. 692, 1995)

Proposed and introduced on this 1st day of Sept., 2016.

Proposed by Commissioner Penzel.

Adopted this 3rd day of November, 2016.

Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Doug N. Johnson

Nancy McDermid

Greg Lynn

Barry Penzel

Steve Thaler

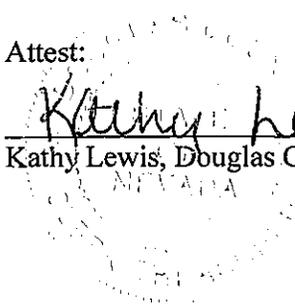
Nays: Commissioners None

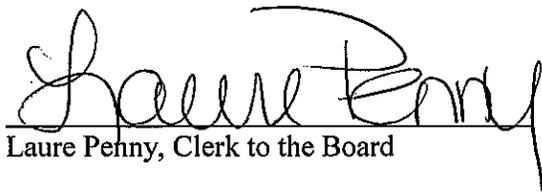
Absent: Commissioners None



Doug N. Johnson, Chairman
Douglas County Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Kathy Lewis, Douglas County Clerk


Laure Penny, Clerk to the Board

This Ordinance is effective on the 1st day of December, 2016.