

Ordinance No. 2019 - 12

An Ordinance Relating to the Implementation of Applications for Deferred Payment for Residential Water and/or Sewer Service

Whereas Section 52.22(B)(2) and Section 51.69(B) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lewistown provide that all requests for delays or waiver of payments of water and sewer bills, respectively, shall not be entertained by the City of Lewistown;

Whereas the Corporate Authorities of the City of Lewistown have informally implemented case-by-case reviews of water customers' bills and those customers' requests to make payments toward bills which are unusually high; and

Whereas the Corporate Authorities of the City of Lewistown have determined that it is in the best interests of the citizenry to formally adopt a procedure to allow residential water and sewer customers and residential water customers to apply for deferred payments in the event the customers' bills reach a particular threshold.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEWISTOWN, FULTON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section I:

Section 52.22(B)(2) of the Ordinances of the City of Lewistown is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(2) Any residential customer who has received a bill for usage of water service which is equal to at least three (3) times the usage of that customer's average usage over the previous twelve (12) months as determined by the Water Clerk, shall be permitted to fill out an Application for Deferred Payment. Said Application shall be in the form prescribed by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Lewistown and shall be available in the Office of the Water Clerk at City Hall. Applicants requesting deferred payments shall be bound by the terms of the Application, clearly set forth thereon.

Any requests for delays or waiver of payment other than those set forth in the preceding paragraph will not be entertained; only questions of proper and correct billing will be considered. In the absence of payment of the bill rendered or the request for a hearing as set forth in subparagraph (1)(c), above, service will be discontinued at the time specified, but in no event until the charges have been due and unpaid for at least thirty (30) days.”

Section II:

Section 51.69(B) of the Ordinances of the City of Lewistown is hereby amended to read as follows:

“(B) Any residential customer who has received a bill for usage of sewer service, which is equal to at least three (3) times the usage of that customer’s average usage over the previous twelve (12) months as determined by the Water Clerk, shall be permitted to fill out an Application for Deferred Payment. Said Application shall be in the form prescribed by the Corporate Authorities of the City of Lewistown and shall be available in the Office of the Water Clerk at City Hall. Applicants requesting deferred payments shall be bound by the terms of the Application, clearly set forth thereon.

Any requests for delays or waiver of payment other than those set forth in the preceding paragraph will not be entertained; only questions of proper and correct billing will be considered. In the absence of payment of the bill rendered or the request for a hearing as set forth in subparagraph (1)(c), above, service will be discontinued at the time specified, but in no event until the charges have been due and unpaid for at least thirty (30) days.”

Section III:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect ten (10) days from and after its publication in pamphlet form in accordance with 65 ILCS 5/1-2-4. Such publication must take place within thirty (30) days after passage of this Ordinance.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Lewistown, Fulton County, Illinois, at a regular meeting this 12th day of November 2019, upon a roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Alkerman, S. Clark, T. Kelley, D. Lafary, K. Miller, K. Pascal and
NAYS: S. Spetler .
ABSENT:

APPROVED:
Elmer R. Littlefield Jr.
Mayor

ATTEST:
Candy Goodard
City Clerk

Printed in pamphlet form published by authority of the corporate authorities of the City of Lewistown, and made available to the public at the office of the City Clerk, Lewistown City Building, 119 S. Adams St., Lewistown, IL 61542, this 12th day of November, 2019.

Candy Goodard
City Clerk