

AN ORDINANCE NO. 22-14

To amend §§ 277-8 of Chapter 277, Water, of the Colonial Heights City Code to authorize debit cards, credit cards, and acceptable electronic methods as additional means of payment for utility bills and to increase the charge for the City Manager or his designee to continue service during a delinquency.

THE CITY OF COLONIAL HEIGHTS HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Sections 277-8 of Chapter 277, Water, of the Colonial Heights City Code is amended as follows:

§ 277-8 Reading meters; payment of bills; penalties for late payment ~~renewal~~; discontinuance of service charges.

Meters shall be read every two months by the properly authorized personnel, and utility bills shall be prepared therefrom by the Department of Finance and deposited in the United States mail not later than the first working day of the month after the meters are read. Such bills so rendered shall be due and payable ~~by cash, check or money order~~ in the ~~office of the Director~~ Finance Department's Billing and Collections Office on or before 5:00 p.m. of the 25th calendar day of the month in which rendered; and, if not so paid, a penalty of 8% shall be added thereon. Bills shall be paid by cash, check, money order, debit card, credit card, or an electronic form of payment the Department of Finance accepts. If such bill is not paid before 5:00 p.m. seven days subsequent to its due date ~~notice~~, the utility service to the delinquent customer shall be discontinued, except that the City Manager or his designee may ~~extend the delinquent period of service~~ authorize continuance of utility service during a delinquency for 15 additional calendar days with a charge of ~~\$40~~20. At the end of any granted extension periods, the utility service shall be discontinued if the delinquent amount plus any penalties remains unpaid. Any utility service delinquent under this section shall only be returned to active status after all delinquent amounts, penalties and a \$50 administrative fee have been paid.

2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its approval on second reading.

Approved:

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

I certify that the above ordinance was:

Adopted on its first reading on _____.

Ayes: _____. Nays: _____. Absent: _____. Abstain: _____.

The Honorable Kenneth B. Frenier, Councilman: _____.

The Honorable Dr. Laura F. Poe, Councilmember: _____.

The Honorable John E. Piotrowski., Councilmember: _____.

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Approved as to form:

City Attorney