

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COLLECTION OF WATER, SEWER AND GAS CHARGES IN THE CITY OF FORT GAINES.

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Gaines' operation of a water, sewer and gas system is a substantial benefit to the citizens of Fort Gaines; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Gaines spends a significant amount of time and expense in maintaining the water, sewer and gas system and providing the customers of this system with prompt and efficient services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Gaines spends a significant amount of time and expense dealing with the collection of accounts that become delinquent after the 20th of each month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fort Gaines has noted considerable administrative confusion, delay and financial cost to the City occasioned by the excessive number of delinquent and unpaid water, sewer and gas bills;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Fort Gaines, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same:

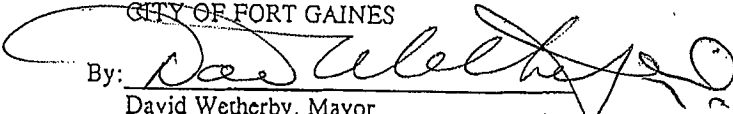
SECTION 1. That the Code of Ordinances for the City of Fort Gaines, Georgia, Section 82-33, be stricken in its entirety, to be replaced by the following ordinance;

- (A) All current accounts are due and payable on the 10th day of the month following that for which services have been provided.
- (B) Accounts not paid by the 10th day of the month following that for which services have been provided shall have a 1% per month interest charge added to the account, such charge constituting a late fee.
- (C) Accounts not paid by the 20th day of the month shall be placed on the "cut off list," and water, sewer and gas services shall be promptly discontinued to said accounts by the City superintendent.
There will be a reconnection fee of \$35.00 for each account which is disconnected. In the absence of a written agreement as outlined in section (D) below, this reconnection fee, including all unpaid water, sewer and gas bills and accumulated interest, must be paid in full before water, sewer and gas services shall be restored to any delinquent account holder.
- (D) Any current account holder who is over 30 days delinquent on any account for water, sewer or gas services from the City of Fort Gaines must enter into a binding, written agreement with the City, which agreement shall include a monthly payment schedule under which the account shall be paid in full.
Any account holder who has entered into such an agreement and who fails to make any monthly payment on the date due shall be placed on the "cut off list" and treated as otherwise provided in subsection (C) above.

SECTION 2. All ordinances, resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED, this 15 day of June, 1999.

CITY OF FORT GAINES

By: 
David Wetherby, Mayor

Attest: 
Marion Griffin, City Clerk

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