

ORDINANCE NO. 13 -2021

BE IT ORDIANED BY THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HELENA-WEST HELENA, ARKANSAS REAFFIRMING AND MODIFYING THE CITY POLICY REGARDING DUE DATES AND PAYMENT OF WATER, SEWER, AND SANITATION FEES MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS "WATER BILLS."

WHEREAS the City of Helena-West Helena Arkansas has previously adopted a policy of requiring water bills to be paid on or before the fifteenth of each month before late fees are incurred and;

WHEREAS water bills are due on or before the twenty-first of each month before services are disconnected; and

WHEREAS the City of Helena-West Helena has previously adopted a policy of extending the aforementioned due dates to the next business day if any of the dates falls on a weekend, holiday, or other day that the city is closed; and

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Helena-West Helena finds it necessary to clarify that closure shall include any day for which the city or the department collecting fees is actually closed or suffers a failure of equipment that renders in-person collection impossible;

WHEREAS the City Council of the City of Helena-West Helena finds it necessary to clarify that when the due date falls on a weekend, holiday, or other day that the city is closed, the disconnect date shall be extended for an equal number of days thereafter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, that the water department shall collect fees, assess late fees or penalties, and dispense disconnections consistent with this ordinance. Water bills shall be due on the 15th of each month unless said date falls on a weekend, holiday, or other day that the city is either closed or suffers equipment failure making payment impossible. The last day to pay and disconnect date shall be extended by an equal number days if the due date is extended and those dates will also be extended by an equal number day if the due date is extended and those dates will also be extended if it falls on weekend, holiday, or other day that the city is either closed or suffers equipment failure making payment impossible.

SECTION 2-Severability:

If, for any reason, any portion of this ordinance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall in no way affect the remaining portions thereof, which are valid, but such valid portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3 - Repealer:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4 - Enactment:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED: May 4, 2021

APPROVED: Kevin A. Smith
Kevin Smith, Mayor

ATTESTED: Sandi Ramsey
Sandi Ramsey, City Clerk