

ORDINANCE NO 23-____

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO UTILITIES AMENDING SECTION 22-1-2-115, DIVISION 22-1-2, ARTICLE 22-1, CHAPTER 22, LAWTON CITY CODE 2015, RELATING TO WATER FEES AND CHARGES BY ADDING THE FORMS OF PAYMENT ACCEPTED FOR DEPOSITS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAWTON, OKLAHOMA THAT:

SECTION 1. SECTION 22-1-2-115 IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

22-1-2-115 Deposits – Charges against deposit.

- A. All applicants for utility service are required to make a ~~cash~~ deposit in the amount of one hundred fifty dollars and no cents (\$150.00) to guarantee payment of the service. Deposits may be in the form of cash, credit/debit card, money order or e-check. At the time of application, applicants may provide a letter of credit reference from a recent utility service provider in lieu of a deposit. For commercial/industrial customers and at the applicant's option, he/she may post a surety bond, irrevocable letter of credit, and/or a standby letter of credit issued from a local financial institution, signed by a good and sufficient corporate surety company, to guarantee payment of service at all locations where water is used by the applicant, in any amount to be fixed by the city, but not less than that provided for ~~cash~~ deposits or three thousand dollars and no cents (\$3,000.00), whichever is greater, in lieu of the ~~cash~~ deposits. If one meter services multiple-family units or commercial multiple units, the property owner will be responsible for establishment of account and payment of utility service. Should the property owner lease the multiple-family units or commercial multiple units served by one meter to one lessee, the lessee shall be responsible for establishment of the account and payment of utility service upon presentation of the lease.

SECTION 2. Severability Clause. If any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of the ordinance's passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that:
SAID ORDINANCE IS ADOPTED

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this 12th day of October 2023.

STANLEY BOOKER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TRACI HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this 12th day of October 2023.

TIMOTHY WILSON, ACTING CITY ATTORNEY