ORDINANCE NO: 72

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITY ARREARAGES

72.1 AUTHORITY. All municipal utility service charges unpaid and in arrears on October 1 of each year shall be collected in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided pursuant to the authority granted in secs. 66.0809 and 66.0821, Wis. Stats., respectively.

72.2 COLLECTION OF ARREARAGES FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY SERVICES. All municipal utility service providers shall be authorized to collect for arrearages for utility service provided by it (water, sewer, electric), together with any penalty assessed or added thereon, by use of the procedures set forth in Section 66.0809(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes. By this ordinance, the Town of Grand Rapids hereby authorizes use of the Section 66.0809(3) procedures and directs that such use shall be in accordance with the requirements of Section 66.0809(3).

(a) On or before October 15 of each year, the owner and occupant of any premises in the Town of Grand Rapids that was provided with the utility services by the Municipal Utility prior to October 1 of that year shall be given notice by said Utility of payments then in arrears. In the event that any such utility bill is not paid by November 1 thereafter, the Municipal Utility shall add a penalty of 10% to the remaining collection balance.

(b) In the event that any such utility bill is not paid on or before November 15, thereafter, the Municipal Utility shall forward to the Town of Grand Rapids Treasurer all lots or parcels of real estate (giving the legal description thereof) for which a notice of arrears was given by the Municipal Utility and for which arrears remain unpaid to that time plus any penalty being assessed, therefore.

(c) On November 16, the Town of Grand Rapids Treasurer shall place the amount of such arrearages, together with penalty, on the tax roll as a special charge against the lot or parcel of real estate for which municipal utility services were provided pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0809(3). The Town of Grand Rapids Treasurer shall be authorized to employ any provision for collection of delinquent utility services authorized by Wis. Stat. 66.0809 to the fullest extent permitted by state law. Any such arrears shall not be payable in installments after becoming a lien, and all proceedings related to the collection, return and sale of property for delinquent real estate taxes shall apply.

This ordinance shall take effect from and after the date of its passage and publication as provided by law.

HISTORY

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Should any portion of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected.