

ORDINANCE NO. 12 - 2003

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 12-1995
ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR CERTAIN SERVICES
OF THE GRAYSON UTILITY DEPARTMENT AND
MAKING PROVISION FOR REFUND OF DEPOSITS**

Be It Ordained By The City of Grayson:

SECTION 1. METER DEPOSITS: Upon request for water/sewer or gas service from the City of Grayson, the applicant shall be charged the following amounts as security deposits, refundable upon termination of service upon satisfactory proof of no outstanding debt is owed the City for gas or water/sewer previously provided:

UTILITY	OWNER	RENTER
Water/Sewer	\$15.00	\$50.00
Gas	\$35.00	\$150.00

SECTION 2. INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK PAYMENTS: A service charge of \$20.00 shall be imposed for each check returned to the City dishonored by bank or other financial institution by reason of insufficient funds or no-account, which said check was issued in payment for utilities provided by the City of Grayson.

SECTION 3. METER TESTING: If upon request by customer of City Utilities a meter is tested, and the meter is found to be operating correctly, the customer shall be charged a fee of \$15.00. If the meter is found to be operating incorrectly upon testing there shall be no charge.

SECTION 4. RE-READING METERS: If upon request by customer of Grayson Utilities a meter is re-read, and the original reading is found to have been correct, the customer shall be charged a fee of \$15.00. If the original reading was incorrect there shall be no charge.

SECTION 5. PROPERTY OWNER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF BILL: Any past due utility bill shall be paid prior to reconnection of service to any particular property. In the event a renter leaves without paying a bill then the owner of the property or the property itself shall be ultimately responsible for the bill.

SECTION 6. REFUND OF DEPOSIT: Any person or entity having paid a deposit on or after the adoption date of this Ordinance, and who remains in good standing with the Grayson Utility Commission on all monthly bills, by having no late payment for twenty-four consecutive months and being otherwise current in all obligations, will receive a refund of that deposit at the expiration of said twenty-four month period. Said refund will be paid automatically either by credit to the account or issuance of check at option of Grayson Utility Commission and will be done without accumulated interest.

SECTION 7. APPEAL PROCEDURE: Any person aggrieved by any of the terms and provisions of this Ordinance may appeal a determination of liability or denial of reconnection to the Grayson Utility Superintendent by filing a written protest within twenty (20) days of the billing of a utility bill or the denial of a reconnection of service. The Superintendent shall review the protest and enter a ruling thereon in writing within ten (10) business days. If the protest is denied, an appeal may be taken to the Grayson Utility Commission if the same is filed in writing with the Grayson City Clerk within twenty (20) days of the date of the Superintendent's ruling. The appeal shall be heard and disposed of at the next regular session of the Utility Commission, or at any special meeting called for that purpose.

SECTION 8. REPEALER: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are specifically hereby repealed to the extent of said conflict only.

SECTION 9. SAVINGS CLAUSE: That each section and each sentence of this Ordinance is enacted separately and the invalidity and/or unconstitutionality of any one particular sentence and/or section shall not affect the validity and/or constitutionality of any other section and/or sentence.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE: Because of an emergency existing as declared by unanimous vote of the City Council, this Ordinance shall be effective upon its adoption, from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law, without the necessity of a second reading.

First reading, approval and adoption this 8th day of July, 2003.

Second reading, final approval and adoption this the 22nd day of July, 2003.

Leda Dean, Mayor
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ATTEST:

Martha L. Master
MARTHA LEMASTER, CITY CLERK