

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING DELINQUENT UTILITY BILLS
No. 0905-U

The City Council of the City of Newfolden ordains as follows:

I. The bills for utility services shall become delinquent on the 20th day of the month in which they are sent. A penalty shall be applied to all accounts whose payment is not received by the stated due date. Utility bill statements shall be postmarked no later than 4th day of every month.

II. Should the delinquent utility bill not be paid, all municipal utilities may be shut off fourteen (14) days after notice as follows:

A. Service of the notice may be made by any of the following methods:

1. Mailing to the customer at the customer's last known address and service of the notice shall be complete upon mailing.
2. Personally delivering a copy to the customer.
3. Personally delivering a copy to the customer's spouse or some person of suitable age or discretion at the customer's usual place of abode.
4. Personally delivering a copy to the customer's agent or officer at the customer's usual place of business.

B. The notice shall state that the delinquent bill must be paid within fourteen (14) days and if payment is not made, all utility service will be discontinued.

C. The notice shall be in essentially the following form:

(see attached)

III. If the utility services are disconnected by the City of Newfolden, all current and delinquent bills of the customer must be paid before service will be reconnected.

IV. For leased premises, the City will first seek to collect the delinquent bill from the tenant by using the 14 day notice described above. If the amount due

is not paid, the landlord/owner will be contacted by mail with another 14 day notice.

If the bill is not paid, utility service will be disconnected.

V. In addition to all utility bills, a reconnection charge must be paid to the City before the City reconnects the utilities.

VI. The owner of private property, as well as the lessee of the premises, shall be liable to the City for all utility bills. If said utility bills are not paid by said owner, the City shall certify the unpaid utilities to the County Auditor to be collected as part of the real estate taxes.

This ordinance hereby repeals the prior ordinance concerning delinquent utility bills dated 1985.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Newfolden this 6th day of September, 2005.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk