

**CITY OF CROOKS
ORDINANCE #305**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA, ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR COLLECTION OF UTILITY BILLS & PROCEDURES FOR DISCONNECTION OF UTILITY BILLS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CROOKS, SOUTH DAKOTA, THAT:

SECTION 1. Consumer's bill. Consumer bills for utility services rendered by the City of Crooks are net, due and payable on the 5th day of the month. A consumer bill shall be considered delinquent if paid after the 5th day of the month; provided however, when a due date falls on a weekend or a holiday, bills will not be delinquent until the start of the next regular business day of the municipality. Bill payments must be received by the City of Crooks on the due date; postmarks, payment initiations via vender in electronic form, and other payment attempts are not considered on time payment.

SECTION 2. Fee for delinquent utility bills. If utility bills are not paid in full by the due date, as established in Section 1, a late fee, set by resolution of the Crooks City Council, shall be assessed. Said late feel shall become due immediately, in addition to outstanding charges.

SECTION 3. Notice of past due amounts. The current and past due charges are indicated on the utility bill forms furnished by the City of Crooks. The City of Crooks, at its discretion, may adopt additional forms of notification of past due amounts.

SECTION 4. Unpaid bills. If utility bills are not paid in full as provided in Section 1, they shall be considered delinquent and subject to disconnection of services. All past due amounts must be received by the 20th of the following month; failure to submit payment by the 20th of the following month shall result in disconnection on the next business day following the 20th. If the 20th day of the following month falls on a Friday or a holiday, the payment must be received at 8:00AM on the next regular business day.

SECTION 5. Reconnect fee & reconnection of services after shutoff. The reconnect fee shall be established by resolution by the Crooks City Council. The reconnect fee shall be assessed immediately after services have been discontinued due to non-payment. Services will only be reconnected after payment of full outstanding balance plus applicable late fee and reconnection fee has been made; no partial payments or payment arrangements can be made once services have been disconnected. Services will only be restored during regular businesses hours from 8AM through 5PM, or in exigent circumstances as determined by the City of Crooks.

SECTION 6. Owner, Lessee Liable. The owner of the property, which is serviced by municipal utilities from the City, shall, as well as the lessee or occupant of the property, be liable to the City for the utility bills, which may be recovered in an action against such

owner, lessee or occupant or against any or all of them, jointly or severally. The provisions of Section 1 above shall equally apply to the owner of the property as well as the consumer/lessee or occupant.

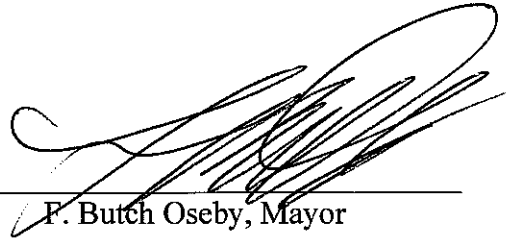
SECTION 7. Ordinances in conflict. All ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed.

Ayes: Harstad, Richardson, Beyer

Nays:

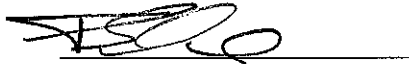
Abstain:

Adopted this 8th day of August, 2022.



F. Butch Oseby, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tobias Schantz,
Municipal Finance Officer



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