

CHAPTER 66. UTILITIES

ARTICLE I. **In General.**

Section 66-1. **Application and payment for utility services.**

- (a) Utility service shall include electric service, water service, sewer service, garbage service.
- (b) To secure utility service from the City, application shall be made to the City on forms prescribed by the City Council.
- (c) Accounts shall be carried in the name of the fee owner. The fee owner shall be liable for utility services supplied to his property, whether he is occupying the property or not and any charges unpaid shall be a lien upon the property.
- (d) At the time of filing an application for utility services the applicant shall deposit a sum of money with the City. This sum of money will be set by the City Council from time to time. The deposit and interest balance shall be returned upon the fee owner's termination of service with all bills paid. A utility deposit and interest balance will be returned to apartment and residential customers after the bill is paid by the due date for twelve (12) consecutive months. Deposits shall bear interest at the rates set by Minn. Stats. § 325E.02.
- (e) The Department of Finance in conjunction with the Department of Public Works may terminate utility services to delinquent customers in accordance with the City utility rules and regulations. Service calls for reconnection of service after termination for nonpayment of bills shall be accompanied by a charge set by the City Council from time to time.
- (f) Each year an assessment roll shall be prepared providing for assessment of all delinquent utility service accounts against the respective properties served. The assessment roll shall be delivered to the Council for adoption on or before October 10th of each year. Upon such adoption, the clerk shall certify the assessment roll to the County Auditor for collection.

Section 66-2. **Connections to public sewer and water required; right of city to make connection.**

- (a) It shall be the duty of every owner or occupant of any property platted into lots and blocks and having a dwelling house or business property situated thereon, which property abuts upon any public street or alley along which any municipal sewer and water mains shall have been constructed, to install a toilet in such dwelling or business property and make connection thereof with the water and sewer in such street or alley adjacent thereto.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for the owner or occupant of any property situated as described in subsection 66-2(a) to fail to make connection with the water and sewer within 30 days after written notice is given to such owner or occupant to install such toilet, and written notice shall be prepared by the City Clerk and served on such owner or occupant.
- (c) Whenever any owner or occupant shall fail to comply with such written notice the City Council shall by resolution direct that a toilet be installed and that a connection be made with the sewer and water and that the cost of such installation be paid in the first instance out of the general revenue fund, and the

actual cost thereof shall be assessed against the property benefited by such connection.

- (d) After such installation and connection is completed by order of the City Council, the City Clerk shall serve a written notice of the assessment upon the owner or his representative directing him to pay such assessment within ten days after the service of such notice to the City Finance Director. If such assessment is not paid within ten days it shall be the duty of the City Assessor to certify the amount thereof to the County Auditor for collection in the same manner as other special assessments are made; provided, that the commission may by resolution provide that the assessment plus interest, not to exceed six percent per annum, be spread over a term of five years upon request of the owner of the property or his representative.

State law reference--Authority to require sewer and water connections, Minn. Stats. §§ 410.33, 412.231, subd. 28.

Section 66-3.

Waterworks and light department property--Unauthorized connections.

No person shall make any connection with any meter, pieces, conduit, wire, line, or other apparatus belonging to the City and used in the management or operation of the waterworks and light department of the City, for the purpose of taking, using, or wasting water or electric current there from without first having obtained the written consent of the Director of Public Works and Director of Electric Utility Department.

Secs. 66-4--66-30.

Reserved.