

ORDINANCE NO. 433

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, INCREASING UTILITY DEPOSITS AND CONNECTION FEES FOR NEW SERVICE ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND REPEALER, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Bonifay, a Florida municipal corporation, has authority pursuant to Florida Statutes Chapter 166, and Article VIII, Section 2 of the Florida Constitution, to implement regulations for the health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, providing a cost-effective and financially prudent system for the funding of public utilities and the collection of past-due accounts are proper priorities for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bonifay also seeks to ensure the fiscal stability of the municipal utility system by requiring adequate deposits to establish new utility accounts;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Utility deposit.

- (a) Each residential customer of the utility system of the City shall place a deposit in the amount of \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) with the City at the time the customer requests service.
- (b) Each commercial customer of the utility system of the City shall place a deposit in the amount of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) with the City at the time the customer requests service.
- (c) Retention by the City of any deposits prior to final settlement of the account shall not be considered as a payment or part payment for any bill for service. The City may, however, apply the deposit against unpaid bills for service. In such case, the customer will be required to restore the deposit to the original amount.

SECTION 2. Connection Fee.

- (a) Each residential customer of the utility system of the city shall pay a one-time connection fee of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) at the time the customer requests service.
- (b) Each commercial customer of the utility system of the city shall pay a one-time connection fee of \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) at the time the customer requests service.

SECTION 3. Repealer and severability.

If any section or portion of a section of this ordinance proves to be invalid, unlawful, or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or part of this ordinance. All prior ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed, to the extent of any such conflict.

FIRST READING in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida on the day of _____, 2023.

SECOND READING in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida on the day of _____, 2023.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in regular session of the City Council of the City of Bonifay, Florida after due notice, publication, and second reading on the day of _____, 2023.

CITY OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

By its Mayor, Dr. Emily Rone McCann

By Rickey Callahan, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Blankenship Jordan
City Attorney