Ordinance no.____

Now be it and it is hereby ordained by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Cartersville, that the <u>CITY OF CARTERSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES. CHAPTER 24 – UTILITIES.</u> <u>ARTICLE II. – RATES, CHARGES, BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES. SECTION</u> 24-21, paragraph h., is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

1.

Sec. 24-21. - Schedule of charges, etc.

h. After October 1, 2024, all new and renewing commercial, industrial, and governmental customers will be required to pay an advance payment by cash, check, or as described herein below, of two (2) times their average estimated utility bills or actual monthly utility bill for the previous twelve (12) months preceding July 1. Said advance payment is to be renewed annually. For any commercial, industrial and governmental customers paying with an insurance bond and/or letter of credit, their advance payment will be calculated based on two (2) times their average estimated utility bills for the previous twelve (12) months preceding connected. Said insurance bond and/or letter of credit is to be renewed annually, and must provide for the immediate payment upon notification by the City. Advance payments are not required for the City School System, City, or Bartow County facilities. Customers who pay by cash or check in the event of an increase and/or decrease in the amount of the advance deposit paid by the customer upon renewal, shall within the next billing cycle receive a new bill for the additional amount as a part of their utility bill or a refund to be credited on their utility bill of the amount by which their advance payment has decreased.

2.

All other existing provisions of Section 24-21 not changed herein, shall remain as is.

3.

It is the intention of the city council and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances, City of Cartersville, Georgia, and the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED

MATTHEW J. SANTINI, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JULIA DRAKE, CITY CLERK