

ORDINANCE NO. 2.14

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR LIEN UPON REAL ESTATE FOR ALL UTILITY BILLS DUE AND OWING TO THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS.

THE CITY OF CRYSTAL FALLS ORDAINS:

Section 1. Charges for electric, water, sewer, and cable television services supplied by the City of Crystal Falls shall constitute a lien on the premises served and if not paid within six (6) months from the date, said charges shall become due and payable, shall be certified by the official in charge of the collection thereof to the tax assessing officer and shall then be entered upon the next tax roll as a charge against such premises, and shall be collected and the lien thereof enforced in the same manner as general City taxes against said premises are collected and the lien thereof enforced. All provisions of the laws of the State of Michigan and the City Charter applicable to the time and manner, certification and collection of delinquent City taxes levied against real estate in the City, shall be observed in the certification and collection of such charges. Provided, however, in all cases where a tenant is responsible for payment of any such charges, the owner of the premises served shall serve notice to the City Manager that a tenant is responsible for such charge. The owner of the premises served shall be liable for all charges against the premises in the same manner and to the same extent as if the owner of such premises was personally occupying the premises served. Upon the filing of such notice, the city shall render no further services to such premises until a cash deposit in the amount of the projected billing for not less than a one (1) month period, nor more than a three (3) month period is received, said determination of deposit to be solely in the discretion of the City.

In addition to all other lawful enforcement methods, the City agrees and covenants to enforce all charges for such services supplied to any premises by discontinuing such services to such premises, if such charges have been delinquent for more than 60 days.

Section 2. If any sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decisions shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days from the date of its publication.

ADOPTION DATE: 04/10/95

EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/27/95