

**ORDINANCE NO. 916
CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS**

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING UTILITY DEPOSITS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN, KANSAS that:

Section One. UTILITY DEPOSIT

(a) No Prepayment Required

Those individuals with a history of no late payments in the last twelve (12) billing cycles of their municipal utility account would be considered in "good standing" and would not require advance payment.

(b) Three (3) Months Prepayment Required

Those individuals with a history of disconnection of service and or delinquent accounts of their municipal utility account would be required to pay in advance the value of their estimated first bill plus two (2) additional billing cycles, including any taxes, fees, and one (1) time charges. This deposit not to exceed \$600.00.

(c) \$200.00 Deposit Required

Where the individual has no previous account history or credit established, a cash deposit for utility service shall be \$200.00.

(d) City of Oberlin Municipal Utility customers shall provide their full name, current address, phone number, date of birth, driver's license number, and social security number upon registering for services. Said information shall be kept confidential and only be used in the regular course of the City of Oberlin Municipal Utility Office business services. Applicants that do not own the home or building that is to receive service must acquire written approval from the landlord before the City of Oberlin Municipal Utility Department will perform the installation. Residential Utility applicant is required to provide the names of all adults, eighteen years or older, residing at the said residence.

(e) Disposition of Deposits

In the event that utility service shall be disconnected or discontinued for failure to pay any bill due the city for such utility, such cash deposit shall be applied as a credit against all amounts due from the customer to the city, and if there shall remain any surplus of such deposit, the same shall be returned to the customer.

(f) Deposits collected pursuant to this section shall be governed by the provisions of K.S.A. 12-822 as amended.

(g) Deposits will be returned upon a showing that there are 12 consecutive months of good payment history, which is defined as having been paid in full each month with no returned checks or payments and no late fees.

(h) No policy shall be enforced that allows the use of a credit score to benefit or penalize an individual based upon that score.

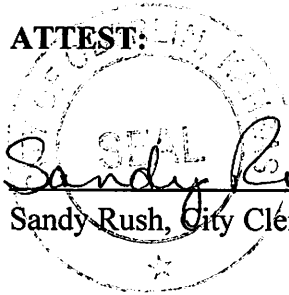
(i) Electrical demand, water base, sewer, and trash charges may be prorated to reflect the timeframe these services are being used.

Section Two. All ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.


Section Three. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the City Council and approved by the Mayor on this **20** day of **February** **2020**

ATTEST:



Sandy Rush
Sandy Rush, City Clerk



Garret McDougal, Mayor