



STATE OF ARKANSAS
City of Brookland
ORDINANCE NO. 2004-10

WHEREAS, the water customers of the City of Brookland have generally been consistent and prompt payment of their water bills; and

WHEREAS, there are certain customers who fail to pay promptly or fail to pay at all for substantial periods of time; and

WHEREAS, dealing with such customers who fail to pay promptly or at all causes additional work for the city employees and causes the city to incur substantial expense relating to said bills in order to attempt to collect such bills; and

WHEREAS, those customers who have failed to pay promptly or at all may subsequently seek to reconnect to the water system once their service has been terminated, and action is required to preclude future problems with regard to said individuals;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of Brookland, Arkansas does hereby ordain as follows:

1. The water ordinance for the City of Brookland which is more specifically known as Ordinance No. 1998-10 is hereby amended to provide as follows:

A. Any water customer who has previously been connected to the Brookland Water System or has otherwise been responsible for payment of bills to the Brookland Water System for water usages, but has failed to pay any such bill promptly as due or has failed to pay any single bill for more than 60 days after such bill was due, may only reconnect and become a customer of the Brookland Water System upon payment of a deposit of \$150. Further, such person must pay all outstanding bills owed to the City of Brookland for water usage by such person before reconnection will be made.

2. That any portion of the original water ordinance which is in conflict herewith is hereby amended and superseded by this amendment.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE

3. That the City of Brookland, Arkansas hereby determines that an emergency exists with regard to payment of bills for all water customers and deposits to be made in the future for such water deposits, as the city is losing time and monies with regard to certain water customers and continues to do so upon reconnection. An emergency is declared to exist because of the loss of time and funds to the city and this ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Passed and adopted this 9th day of November, 2004.

ATTEST:

Beth Foster
Recorder

Joe McKeel
Mayor