ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2012-27 TO COLLECT LATE FEES FOR WATER AND SEWAGE BILLS, TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, measures need to be taken to ensure collection of late penalties for nonpayment of water and sewer bills and to clarify payment deadlines:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRYANT, ARKANSAS:

SECTION ONE:

A bill for water and sewer service issued during any month is due and payable on or before the 25th day of the month said bill is issued.

SECTION TWO:

A 10% penalty shall be added to any bill if payment is not received by 4:30 pm on the 1st day of the next month said bill is issued.

SECTION THREE:

If said bill is not paid by the first day of the following month a final notice shall be issued. If payment is not received by 4:30 p.m. on the 10th day of the month in which the final notice is issued, a $25.00 fee shall be assessed and services shall thereafter be terminated. In order for services to be restored, the outstanding bill, 10% penalty, $25.00 fee and any additional charges will have to be paid in full prior to restoration of the services. If full payment, including the outstanding bill, 10% penalty, $25.00 fee and any additional charges are paid prior to physically shutting off services, then services may or may not be shut off, depending on when payment is made and the number of current work orders being processed.

SECTION FOUR:

It is noted that the night drop box is opened on the 25th day of the month and the 10th day of the month at 4:30 p.m. and any payment made to that box after 4:30 p.m. on the 25th day of the month and the 10th day of the month shall be deemed delinquent.

SECTION FIVE:

It is noted that payments received from third party processors on the 25th day and 10th day of the month shall be deemed delinquent after the third party processors' designated cut off time such that the City of Bryant will receive notifications of payment before 8:00 a.m. the next business day.

SECTION SIX:

If either the 25th or 10th falls on a Saturday or Sunday or legal holiday in which the City of Bryant offices are closed, payment will be due by 4:30 p.m. the next business day or the third party processor cut off time so that payments will be received by the City of Bryant by 8:00 a.m. the second business day following the weekend or holiday.

SECTION SEVEN: An emergency is hereby declared, it being necessary to protect the health and safety of the citizens of Bryant, Arkansas, and this Ordinance shall have full Force and effect April 30th, 2024.