

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2016-4



**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 86,
UTILITIES, ARTICLE II, WATER, SECTION 86-33
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF WAYNESBORO**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Waynesboro, Virginia, that Section 86-33 of Chapter 86 of the Code of the City of Waynesboro is hereby modified as follows:

Sec. 86-33. Discontinuing service for nonpayment of bills; restoration of service after disconnection; requiring deposits prior to restoration of service.

All persons or entities who fail or refuse to pay such sums for water service as are due and payable within 30 days after the date the water is billed to such consumer shall be placed on a cut off list and be given written notice that said consumer is subject to the penalty of having the water shut off or disconnected from the city water system. A fee of \$1.50 shall be charged for said notice. If said account has not been paid in full within seven calendar days after said written notice is mailed by first class mail, a \$40.00 penalty shall be imposed and said water shall be cut off or disconnected. ~~A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for said disconnection.~~ After the water has been shut off or disconnected as provided herein, it shall not be again turned on or reconnected until all sums due for past service (including any unauthorized use fee or outstanding fine for violation of this chapter, or sums due for garbage collection under chapter 66 of this Code and sewer charges under section 86-139 of this Chapter) shall have first been paid in full. ~~A fee of \$20.00 shall be charged for reconnection of service during regular business hours.~~ The application of all amounts due on said bill shall be made in the following manner: First, payment for penalties, fees, and accrued interest. Second, payment for garbage collection services. Third, payment for sewer usage and fixed charges. Fourth, payment for water usage and fixed charges. It shall be a misdemeanor punishable by confinement in jail for not more than six months or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 for any unauthorized person to reconnect or have reconnected any water service to any address except in accordance with the procedure set forth in this chapter. In addition, any individual, entity, or customer who has occupied a premises while unauthorized city water has been introduced into said premises shall be charged an unauthorized water use fee of \$100.00 in addition to such charge for water as may be determined under the procedure set forth in section 86-29 for calculating water use when a meter fails to register properly.

Except as changed hereby, all other provisions of Chapter 86 shall remain in full force and effect.

INTRODUCED: ON FEBRUARY 8, 2016 BY MR JEFF FREEMAN
ADOPTED: ON FEBRUARY 22, 2016
EFFECTIVE: MARCH 3, 2016

/s/ Julia Bortle
CLERK

/s/ Bruce Allen
BRUCE ALLEN, MAYOR