

STATE OF GEORGIA
CITY OF RINCON

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF RINCON AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RINCON, GEORGIA AT CHAPTER 82 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE II, SECTION (82-31) PAYMENT; DELINQUENCY; PENALTIES; NONPAYMENT; DISCONNECTION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; RECONNECTION FEES; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Rincon, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary to maintain adequate regulations; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RINCON HEREBY ORDAINS, in a regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

Article II – Utility Billing - Section 82-31

Sec. 82-31. - Payment; delinquency; penalties; nonpayment; disconnection and discontinuance of service; reconnection fees.

All utility bills will be mailed by the tenth (10th) day of each month.

To avoid a ten (10%) percent penalty on the outstanding balance, all utility bills must be paid in full by the last day of each month. If the last day of the month falls on a weekend or holiday, the penalty will be assessed at 5:01p.m. on the next regularly scheduled workday for the City of Rincon.

Nonpayment of past due accounts within 30 days of original due date will result in the water being shut off from the water user's property without further notice, a disconnection fee as set forth on the City's fee schedule as amended from time to time and the total amount due at the time of disconnection must be paid in full before service is restored. Disconnection of water service will be conducted within the first 7 business days following 60 days of nonpayment. The failure of the city to insist upon the penalty charge and/or disconnection of services shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent penalties and/or disconnection of service if future utility bills are not paid in a timely manner as outlined above.

No additional penalties will be imposed only if services have been physically disconnected. An interruption of service is considered to have taken place at 5:01 p.m. on the cutoff date set for each month after the account has been late for more than sixty (60) days whether or not the service has been physically interrupted (disconnected).

Notifications will be sent out in advance multiple times prior to disconnection, this may include but is not limited to text messages, phone calls, emails, and substantially similar communications.

Severability. If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Scrivener's Error(s). In the event scrivener's errors shall be discovered in this Ordinance after the adoption hereof, the City hereby authorizes and directs that each such scrivener's error shall be corrected in all multiple counterparts of this Ordinance.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Repeal. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this 14 day of April, 2025.