

BILL NO. 2016-14

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTIONS 705.19, 715.15, 825.11 AND 910.23 OF
THE RICHFIELD CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF
ASSESSMENTS**

THE CITY OF RICHFIELD DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. Subsection 705.19 of the Richfield City Code is amended as follows:

705.19. - Collections.

Charges of sewer and water service are due on the quarterly due date specified by the City for the respective account and shall be delinquent 15 days thereafter. It is the duty of the City to endeavor to promptly collect delinquent accounts, and in all cases where satisfactory arrangements for payment have not been made, all delinquent accounts shall be certified to the City Clerk who shall prepare an assessment of the delinquent amounts against the properties served. To each account there shall be added a certification charge (preparation for certification of taxes of delinquent accounts) in the amount provided for in appendix D. The assessment roll shall be delivered to the Council for adoption ~~on or before October 1st~~ of each year. The action may be optional or subsequent to taking legal action to collect delinquent accounts. The certification charge, when collected, shall be allocated equally between the City's water fund and its sewer fund.

Section 2. Subsection 715.15 of the Richfield City Code is amended as follows:

715.15. - Delinquent water accounts.

Charges of water shall be due on the quarterly due date specified by the City for the respective account, and shall be delinquent 15 days thereafter. The City shall endeavor to promptly collect delinquent accounts, and in all cases where satisfactory arrangements for payments have not then been made, instructions shall be given to discontinue service by shutting off the water at the stop box. All delinquent accounts shall be certified to the City Clerk who shall prepare an assessment roll each year providing for assessment of the delinquent amounts against the respective properties served. This assessment roll shall be delivered to the Council for adoption ~~on or before October 1~~ of each year. Such action may be optional or subsequent to taking legal action to collect delinquent accounts.

Section 3. Subsection 825.11 of the Richfield City Code is amended as follows:

825.11. Assessment of unpaid bills. ~~On or before September 1 of e~~ Each year, the clerk shall list the total unpaid charges for current services against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable under this section. After notice and hearing as required by law, the council may spread the charges against the properties ~~benefited receiving the services~~, as a special assessment for certification to the county ~~auditor~~ director of property taxation and collection along with current taxes. The certification may provide for the payment of the special

assessments the following year or in annual installments, not exceeding ten, as the council may determine in each case.

Section 4. Subsection 910.23 of the Richfield City Code is amended as follows:

910.23. Recovery of cost of abatement; liability and assessment.

Subdivision 1. The owner of premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the city shall be personally liable for the cost to the city of the abatement, including administrative costs.

Subd. 2. After notice and hearing, as provided in Minn. Stat. § 429.061 (which may be amended from time to time), the city clerk shall, ~~on or before September 1 next~~ following abatement of the nuisance, annually list the total unpaid charges against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable. The Council may then certify the charges against the property to the county auditor for collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments as the Council may determine in each case.

Sec. 5. This Ordinance will be effective in accordance with Section 3.09 of the City Charter.

Adopted this 23 of August, 2016.

By: _____
Debbie Goettel, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kari Sinning, Deputy City Clerk