

ORDINANCE NO. 018-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SAFFORD, GRAHAM COUNTY, ARIZONA PERTAINING TO UTILITIES AND AMENDING SECTION 13.04.030 SERVICE DEPOSITS AND FEES OF THE *CITY OF SAFFORD MUNICIPAL CODE*.

WHEREAS, certain sections of the utility code required clarification for effective implementation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, that §13.04.030 of Title 13 of the *City of Safford Municipal Code* is hereby amended and incorporated herein; and further, that pursuant to *Arizona Revised Statutes* §9-802, at least three copies of the ordinance in full shall be on file with the city clerk for public use and inspection.

13.04.030 Service deposits and fees.

- A. Before a new utility service is started for any person or premises, the person making application for such service shall deposit, in cash with the utility system as a final payment advance and guarantee, the amount stipulated for such service in the schedule of utility deposits, as established by resolution of the city council; or in lieu of such deposit, may deliver to the utility system a payment bond issued by an insurance company duly licensed in the state of Arizona and possessing a current A.M. Best, Inc., rate of at least B++6, or with other companies authorized to do business in the state of Arizona with policies and forms satisfactory to the city. No such deposit shall be required for utility service to any premises in the name and for the use of the United States Government, or its agencies, or the state of Arizona, or its political subdivisions. Any deposit required ~~after May 31, 1992~~, if in cash:
1. Residential shall be impounded for a period ~~to be established by resolution by the city council of not less than two years and without interest. Residential deposits may, upon request, be refunded to individual accounts that show a twenty four (24) month payment history without delinquency or adverse report;~~
 2. Commercial will be impounded with interest for as long as the service is in effect.
- B. The city manager or designee may require additional deposits for customers whose payment record indicates excessive risk, and for those whose usage is such that the above service deposit fails to provide adequate coverage to guarantee final payment.

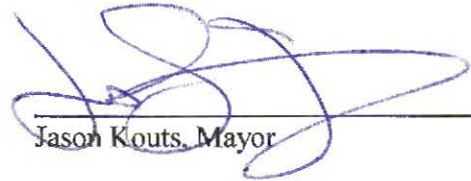
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Effective: 14 June 2018

- C. Customers requiring existing utilities turned on shall pay an administrative fee and a service and inspection fee as set by city council resolution which shall cover all utilities furnished to the same location.
- D. Whenever any one customer or premises shall have made total deposits for their utility services, or would be required to make total deposits for such services under the provisions of this chapter in an amount totaling or exceeding the dollar amount set by resolution and listed in the city council's schedule of utility deposits, then and in that event, the customer is given the election at his or her option to put up with the city municipal utilities in lieu of cash in the amount thus paid or required to be paid, a security bond, or United States Government bond(s) equal in value to the amount thus deposited, or required to be deposited. Bonds are to be made payable to the city of Safford.
(Ord. 06-002 (part); prior code § 13-1-3)

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford this 14th day of May, 2018 with an effective date of the 14th day of June 2018.



Jason Kouts, Mayor

ATTEST:



Georgia Luster, MMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



William J. Sims
~~Interim~~ City Attorney

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Ordinance Number O18-002 was duly passed and adopted by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Safford, Graham County, Arizona, at a regular meeting held May 14, 2018 with an effective date of the 14th of June 2018. A quorum of the Council was present at the meeting.

Georgia Luster
Georgia Luster, City Clerk
MMC

5/14/18
Date:

