## ORDINANCE NO. 2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS, TO ALLOW EMAIL UTILITY BILLING, ON-LINE UTILITY BILL PAYMENT AND THE SUBMISSION OF UNPAID UTILITY BILL AND OTHER CHARGES, COSTS AND FEES TO DEBT SETOFF AND ORDERING THE COST OF THE SAME BE PAID BY THE CUSTOMER.

## IT IS HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF PLEASANTON, KANSAS:

1. Chapter 15, Article 1 of the Code of the City of Pleasanton, Kansas is hereby amended by the addition of Section 110, which shall read in its entirely as follows:

## "Section 110- Email Billing:

- A. The City Utility Department may, at the request of a utility customer, submit customer billing via an email address supplied by the customer.
- B. Failure of the customer to receive said email billing does not negate the customer's responsibility to pay all amounts due in any given billing period. The customer is responsible for notifying the City if he/she fails to receive his/her bill by email if he/she has signed up to do so."
- 2. Chapter 15, Article 1 of the Code of the City of Pleasanton, Kansas is hereby amended by the addition of Section 111, which shall read in its entirely as follows:
  - "Section 111- On Line Payment of Utility Charges: The City Utility Department may accept utility payment through use of an "on line" payment service. All costs and fees associated with said service shall be paid by the customer choosing to pay in that manner."
- 3. Chapter 15, Article 1 of the Code of the City of Pleasanton, Kansas is hereby amended by the addition of Section 112, which shall read in its entirely as follows:
  - "Section 112 Debt Setoff for Utility Bills and other Overdue charges-
    - A. The City may, at its discretion, submit past due utility charges, or other charges, costs or fees due the City and being unpaid, for debt setoff to a collection bureau or appropriate state agency.
    - B. Debtor shall pay any and all charges related to the reasonable costs of collection of any fine/fee/costs of services, as well as any costs/assessments for clean-up of the property for a municipal violation that is the issue herein. This specifically applies to, but is not limited to, charges for water, trash, electricity, property code violation fines, parking tickets, municipal court fines, fees, court costs, interest accrued thereon,

and any other debt due and owing to the municipality. The costs of collection include, but are not limited to, court costs, surcharges, attorney fees, and collection agency fee, except that such costs of collection may not include both attorney fees and collection agency fees."

4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its approval and the publication of a summary hereof in the official newspaper of the City, and the publication of the entire ordinance for a minimum of one week thereafter on the official website of the City.

ORDAINED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2017.

Eldred Whitley

**MAYOR** 

ATTEST:

\CITY CLERK

