



**TOWN OF HOMER
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

ORDINANCE NO. 17-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF HOMER AMENDING CHAPTER 17, SECTIONS 17-1 THROUGH 17-5 OF THE TOWN OF HOMER CHARTER REGARDING DUE DATE AND DELINQUENCY OF WATER AND SEWAGE BILLS AS WELL AS DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE AND RESUMPTION OF SERVICE AFTER DISCONTINUANCE FOR NONPAYMENT.

WHEREAS, an ordinance has been proposed to be adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer; and

WHEREAS, the proposed ordinance must be introduced by its title; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing must be held prior to its adoption; and

WHEREAS, the title of the proposed ordinance must be published in the official journal once a week in three different weeks and the notice shall provide for the time and place where the Board will consider its adoption.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED as follows:

that Chapter 17, Section 17-1 be amended and it is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide:

Sec. 17-1 Due date of bills.

Sewage and water charges shall be incorporated in the monthly bills issued by the town and shall be paid either at the town hall or through an online system used by the town.

that Chapter 17, Section 17-1 be amended and it is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide:

Sec. 17-2 Due date of bills.

All charges owed by all customers to the town for water and sewage services shall be paid on or before the twentieth (20th) of each month succeeding the month in which the services have been furnished the customers.

that Chapter 17, Section 17-3 be amended and it is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide:

Sec. 17-3 Delinquency penalty for late payment of bills.

If customers of water or sewage services do not pay their bills for the purchase of such services by the twentieth (20th) day of the month in which said bills are due, as specified in Section 17-2, the customers shall then owe as a penalty an additional charge of ten percent (10%) of that month's bills.

that Chapter 17, Section 17-4 be amended and it is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide:

Sec. 17-4 Discontinuance of service for nonpayment.

If customers of water or sewage services do not pay their bills, plus the penalty as set forth in Section 17-3, for the purchase of water and sewage on or before the twenty-fifth (25th) day of the month in which the bills are due, in accordance with Section 17-2, the water department, through its duly authorized personnel, may immediately discontinue the water and/or sewage services to those delinquent customers.

that Chapter 17, Section 17-5 be amended and it is hereby adopted by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Homer to provide:

Sec. 17-5 Resumption of service after discontinuance for nonpayment.

If a customer's water or sewage service has been discontinued because of his/her failure to promptly pay his obligations, as set forth in this Chapter, the sewage and/or water service shall remain discontinued until the obligation has been fully paid, including the delinquency penalty, together with a service charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00). This service charge shall be paid prior to the resumption of said services.

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This ordinance was adopted on the 13th day of March, 2017 and presented to the Mayor for his signature on the 13th day of March, 2017 (which is less than 3 days from the date the ordinance was adopted).

TOWN CLERK


Approved by the Mayor on this 13th day of March, 2017.


MAYOR

Town of Homer Seal:

