

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 3153**

DEC 15 2014

**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE WATER AND SEWER DELAYED PAYMENT  
CHARGE FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA**

*John H. L.*  
City Clerk

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized by the Illinois Municipal Code to charge reasonable compensation for the use and service of the water and sewer services and to establish rates for that purpose, as well as establishing late fees for amounts past due; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend various sections of the Columbia City Code such that late fee amounts for water and sewer services are paid only on the amounts owing for service and not on any accrued interest from said amounts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

*Section 1.* The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one ("1") of this Ordinance.

*Section 2.* Section 13.08.060, of the Columbia City Code is amended to read as follows:

**"Section 13.08.060 Reading meters and billings.**

All meters shall be read monthly and bills for water service shall be rendered monthly. If payment of any bill is not made on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the period for which service was rendered, a delayed payment charge of five percent of the amount of the bill shall be imposed and shall be collected as a part of the monthly charge for the water. The five percent delayed payment charge will only apply to the unpaid balance for water service charges and shall not include or be applied to the amount of any accrued interest."

*Section 3.* Section 13.20.050, of the Columbia City Code is amended to read as follows:

**Section 13.20.050 Delinquent payment charge.**

"If any payment of any bill for the use of the sewerage system shall not be made on or before the fifteenth day of the month following the period for which such services are rendered, a delayed payment charge in the amount of five percent of the amount of the bill rendered shall be imposed and collected as part of the monthly charge for sewer services. The five percent delayed payment charge will

only apply to the unpaid balance for water service charges and shall not include or be applied to the amount of any accrued interest.”

*Section 4.* This ordinance shall be effective upon passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, and deposited and filed in the Office of the City Clerk, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of December, 2014, the vote being taken by yeas and nays, and entered upon the legislative records, as follows:

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Mathews, Reis and Holtkamp.

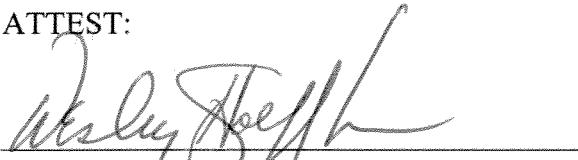
NAYS: None.

APPROVED:

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Kevin Hutchinson  
Mayor  
City of Columbia  
Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wesley J. Hoeffken".

Wesley J. Hoeffken  
City Clerk  
City of Columbia  
Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois