

AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2025:

By: Edward F. Jones, Assistant City Attorney

AMEND THE ORDINANCE AS FOLLOWS:

Delete the original proposed Ordinance No. 15 of 2025 and substitute the attached Amendment No. 1 to Ordinance No. 15 of 2025.

EXPLANATION OF THE AMENDMENT:

This amendment removes the additions to Section 94-161 “Commercial customer class” definition. This amendment also removes the term “non-residential and “delinquent” from Section 94-167 d and substitutes “master meter” and “due date on the bill” respectively.

Section 94-167 d 1 is amended to add “on the next bill” and “and a notification that a 5% late fee will be assessed on all past due amounts.”, and now reads ” (1)The Department of Water & Sewerage shall issue *on the next bill* a past-due payment reminder in writing *and a notification that a 5% late fee will be assessed on all past due amounts.*”

The second notice of impending service disconnection in Section 94-167d 2 is removed and the section now reads, “(2) If the past-due balance remains unpaid, services for the account will be terminated 15 days after the second missed due date. An administrative fee of \$250.00 will be assessed for disconnection.” This amendment removes the necessity of a second warning regarding disconnection of services and provides of imposition of a \$250.00 administrative fee.

ORDINANCE NO. 15 OF 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 94-161 AND 94-167 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; ADJUSTMENTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER OR SEWERAGE SERVICE ACCOUNTS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.

BY COUNCILMEMBER: JAMES GREEN

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Chapter 94-161 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 94-161. – Definitions.

The following words, terms, and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Master meter means a single water meter (or collection of meters) that measures the total water usage for an entire property or multiple units within a development, such as an apartment complex, condominium, mobile home park, or commercial Plaza.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that Section 94-167 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shreveport, is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 94-167. – Discontinuance of services; adjustments.

- (d) Once the holder of a master meter account has failed to pay a bill for water or sewerage service by the due date on the bill, the Department of Water and Sewerage shall follow the progressive process outlined in this subpart:
 - (1) The Department of Water & Sewerage shall issue on the next bill a past-due payment reminder in writing and a notification that a 5% late fee will be assessed on all past due amounts.
 - (2) If the past-due balance remains unpaid, services for the account will be terminated 15 days after the second missed due date. An administrative fee of \$250.00 will be assessed for disconnection.
 - (3) If only a portion of the past due amount is disputed, customer may avoid disconnection by paying the undisputed amount on or before the due date.

- (4) If services are disconnected, reconnection will follow the process outlined in Subsection (a) above. The deposit required by Subsection (a)(1) shall be calculated according to Section 94-163.
- (5) At any point in this delinquency period, the account holder may request or be offered a payment plan as established by the director of water and sewer, pursuant to Section 94-168. The director of water and sewer may modify this process for good cause shown to provide additional time for payment.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items, or application of this resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or application and, to this end, the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that any ordinance or resolution in conflict with the provisions herein ordained are hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with the provisions of Shreveport City Charter Section 4.23.

THUS DONE AND ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, Louisiana.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office

