AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS, PROVIDING THAT OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE TO WHICH UTILITY SERVICES ARE PROVIDED ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT UPON TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR THE TRANSFER OF UTILITY SERVICES TO OTHER PROPERTY, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF WATHENA, KANSAS.

SECTION 1. OWNER OF REAL ESTATE RESPONSIBLE FOR DELINQUENT UTILITY ACCOUNTS. All landlords or owners of real estate within the City of Wathena to which the City provides electric, water or sewer utility services, shall be responsible for payment for said services when the same become delinquent and are unpaid due to the failure of the tenant of said premises to pay the charges for such utility services. The owner of such property shall not be entitled to have the utility services reconnected until all delinquent charges are paid in full.

SECTION 2. TERMINATION OF UTILITY SERVICES AT REQUEST OF USER. In the event a user of the utility services provided by the City requests the City to terminate utility services to property occupied by said user then and in that event the City shall within twenty four (24) hours, read the meter and determine the utility charges owing by said user to the date of termination. Said utility charges shall be paid within twenty four (24) hours from the date of the termination of such services.

SECTION 3. TRANSFER OF UTILITY SERVICES. In the event a utility user requests the City to transfer his/her utility services to other property the City shall not connect the utility services to such other property until all services delivered to the previous location of said user have been paid in full.

SECTION 4. NOTICE TO LANDLORDS/OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE. All landlords or owners of real estate affected by the provisions of the ordinance shall be mailed copies of all notices of delinquency which are forwarded by the City to the landlords or owners or respective tenants.

SECTION 5. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances of the City of Wathena in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in the Wathena Times, Official City newspaper.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this <u>3rd</u> day of May, 1988.

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ATTEST:

City Clerk