

**BILL NO. 1006**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1006**

AN ORDINANCE REVISING THE DELINQUENT RECONNECT FEE USER CHARGE ON WATER AND WASTEWATER BILLS AND ESTABLISHING AN AMENDMENT OF AMOUNT OF RECONNECTION/DISCONNECTION FEE WHEREBY AMENDING WATER USER FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ORDINANCE No. 832 No. 8. AND STATING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT.

*Whereas*, the City of St. Mary, Missouri has adopted rules and regulations for the operation and Usage of the water supply system owned and maintained by the City of St. Mary Missouri; and

*Whereas* landowners/Tenants utilize water meters for usage into dwellings, Yard Meters, and Zero Flow usage meters, Businesses and require maintenance and labor costs associated thereof for maintaining entire system and labor have Increased.

*Whereas* if such service is unpaid per ordinance and due to the increased cost of labor and Logistics, shut off, and restoring of delinquent accounts of past 10 days past due, therefore it is hereby amended upon passage and take effect immediately. If the utility metering device is shut off / disconnected for non-payment for any reason or a owed city utility bill/ City Taxes etc. without prior written signed arrangements approved by the board of Alderman or Mayor over the (10) day grace period, Shall be disconnected Immediately and then a re-connection fee shall be added after the entire bill is paid, plus ten percent (10%) interest incurring a re-connection fee of \$40.00 (Forty Dollars) From the Original \$20.00 Dollars in order to offset maintenance and labor costs associated from the original language of Ordinance 832.

After-City business hours or weekend (Sat-Sun) and Holidays reconnects will result in an assessed fee of \$50.00 Dollar re-connect fee on top of all unpaid bills are paid or other deposits made, and no waiver will be given to any meter account passed 30 days due. Unless it is an emergency shut off deemed by city officials or undetectable leaks due to a break there will be no fee assessed, and the meter valve will be turned back on after the leak or break is fixed and approved by the water superintendent.

All Previous Sections of previous ordinances are hereby repealed to be entered into city record.

APPROVED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBUARY 2025

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MAYOR – ADAM BEQUETTE

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK – APRIL GRINDSTAFF

<u>ALDERMEN</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Brian Helms				
Kathy Bergmann				
Dr. Zen Duda				

I, April Grindstaff, City Clerk of the City of St. Mary, Missouri, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly read and passed at a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of St. Mary, Missouri on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025.

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CITY CLERK- APRIL GRINDSTAFF