

TOWN OF HIGHLANDS

HIGHLANDS, NORTH CAROLINA

ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

Pursuant to an affirmative vote on the motion of and by Commissioner _____, and a vote of ___ to ___ by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Highlands, at its regular meeting on the _____ day of _____, 2011, and an affirmative vote on the motion of and by Commissioner _____, and a vote of ___ to ___ by the Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting on the _____ day of _____ 2011 (if necessary) the following ordinances are hereby ADOPTED AND AMENDED as set forth hereinbelow:

Chapter 15 Utilities

ARTICLE III. ELECTRICITY

That the Code of Highlands, North Carolina, is hereby amended by adopting a section, to be numbered Sec. 15-6. Minimum Charges, which said section reads as follows:

Sec. 15-6. Minimum Charges.

Monthly minimum charges are in effect for electricity, water, sewer, and garbage service regardless of usage.

That Sec. 15-96. Bills and Sec. 15-97. Deposits. of the Code of Highlands, North Carolina, is hereby amended to read as follows: delete strike out (in bold) and replace with language in bold italics were applicable.

Sec. 15-96. Bills.

Bills are due and payable within ~~ten (10)~~ ***twenty-one (21)*** days from the date thereof and normally will be rendered as nearly as practicable at monthly intervals for all service furnished during the previous month, as defined in this article, but the town shall have the option of rendering bills at more frequent intervals.

(Code 1982, § 6.46)

Sec. 15-97. Deposits.

(a) The town may, at any time, require a deposit from a consumer to secure the payment of bills. ~~Interest at the rate of six (6) percent per annum will be paid by the town annually upon the first day of January by credit upon consumer's bill upon all deposits which have remained unimpaired for a period of six (6) months or longer. No interest will be paid upon deposits where service is discontinued within a period of six (6) months from beginning of service.~~ Upon final settlement of consumer's account any unused part of the deposit, ~~with accrued interest,~~ if any, will be returned. ~~Interest will be based on full thirty (30) day periods and no fractional parts of such periods or dollars shall be taken into consideration.~~ If consumer refuses to make deposit, upon request of the town, service may be refused or, if already established, discontinued at the option of the town.

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(b) If consumer shall fail to pay any bill within a period of ~~ten (10)~~ **thirty (30)** days after date of such bill, town may apply any deposit made by consumer in the liquidation of such bill and, at the option of the town; service may be discontinued until the deposit is reestablished to its full amount.

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Full amended text as follows:

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(b) If consumer shall fail to pay any bill within a period of thirty (30) days after date of such bill, town may apply any deposit made by consumer in the liquidation of such bill and at the option of the town service may be discontinued until the deposit is reestablished to its full amount.

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