

13.06 COLLECTION OF UTILITY BILLS IN ARREARS

(1) **AUTHORITY.** All Village water, electrical and sewer service charges unpaid and in arrears on October 1 of each year shall be collected in accordance with the procedure hereinafter provided pursuant to the authority granted in §§ 66.0809 and 66.0821, Wis. Stats., respectively.

(2) **PROCEDURE.**

(a) On or about October 1 of each year, the Utility Secretary shall furnish the Village Clerk a list of all unpaid utility bills, including penalties, which are in arrears.

(b) On October 15 of each year, the Village Clerk shall mail a notice of such arrearages by first class mail to the occupant and to the owner of the premises receiving such utility service.

(c) In the event that any such utility bill is not paid by November 1 thereafter, the Village Clerk shall add a penalty of 10%.

(d) In the event that any such utility bill is not paid on or before November 15 thereafter, the Village Clerk shall forward the list of arrearages to the Village Treasurer who, on November 16, shall place the amount of such arrearages, together with penalty, on the tax roll as a tax against the lot or parcel of real estate for which water and/or sewer services were provided pursuant to the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 66.0809(3). The Clerk and/or Treasurer shall be authorized to employ any provisions for collection of delinquent utility services authorized by Wis. Stat. § 66.0809 to the fullest extent permitted by state law. Any such arrears shall not be payable in installments after becoming a lien, and all proceedings related to the collection, return and sale of property for delinquent real estate taxes shall apply.

(3) **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF WATER WORKS AND LIGHTING COMMISSION (“WWLC”).** WWLC shall have the authority to pursue for any utility charges for WWLC customers in the Village that are unpaid and in arrears pursuant to Section (1) above. For all such customers, WWLC shall be responsible for the procedure identified under subsections (2)(a) through (2)(c) above and for the requirement under subsection (2)(d) to notify the Village Treasurer of arrearages not paid on or before November 15.

ARTICLE 4. The Village Clerk shall cause the Village Code to be updated and any required notice to be given of such updates within thirty (30) days of the enactment of this Ordinance.