

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16
OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE
CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND, ILLINOIS:

Section One. Chapter 16, Article II, Section 16.36 of the Code of Ordinances of The City of Rock Island, Illinois, is hereby amended by deleting paragraph (b) in its entirety and by inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 16-36. Bills and Collection Policies.

(b) *When a Bill is Delinquent:* If a bill for water service remains unpaid for thirty (30) days or more after it is rendered, the City may shut off water service to the property. If the City thereafter records a lien with the Recorder of Deeds for the delinquent charges incurred, any subsequent purchaser who takes title to the property after the lien is recorded, is responsible for payment of all the delinquent charges and penalties. If water service has been shut off and a lien has been recorded prior to the new purchaser taking title to the property, water service shall not be restored to the property until all delinquent charges and penalties, including shutoff charges, have been paid in full and arrangements for restoring service has been made with the City. If a subsequent purchaser of the property takes title after the delinquent charges have been incurred by the prior owner, but before the City records a lien for these unpaid charges, the subsequent purchaser shall not be responsible for payment of the delinquent charges and, if applicable, water service shall be reinstated to the property. Any unpaid charges for water service incurred by a prior owner where a lien has not been filed before the property is sold or transferred to a bona fide purchaser are the responsibility of the prior owner, and the City retains the right to seek repayment of those charges by means available to it by law.

Section Two. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed insofar as they do so conflict.

Section Three. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROCK ISLAND

PASSED: _____

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____

CITY CLERK