

**ORDINANCE #101-17**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RESPONSIBILITY OF PAYMENT  
FOR ELECTRIC, WATER, AND WASTEWATER UTILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Frankton has the responsibility to its utility ratepayers of maintaining the lowest possible rates and charges, and

**WHEREAS**, associated with said responsibility is the minimizing of bad debt, and

**WHEREAS**, the Frankton Town Council desires to establish a policy regarding payment responsibility for utility services.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Town Council of the Town of Frankton, Indiana, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** Any person requesting electric, water and/or wastewater utility service in the Town of Frankton shall be required to complete and sign a request for service and submit applicable meter deposits regardless whether such person is a renter, contract purchaser, or owner of the property for which service is requested. Meter deposits shall remain on an account until such time the account is no longer active.

**SECTION 2.** As of the Effective Date of this ordinance, a property owner that leases property within Frankton Municipal Utilities' jurisdiction will be required to submit in writing, at the time of submission of the request for service, an agreement to assume financial responsibility for all utility charges incurred at the rental property for which service is being requested regardless of the name on the account under which any such charges are incurred. The Frankton Municipal Utilities may refuse to accept new deposits and to provide service to a rental property if a signed agreement by the property owner is not on file at the town hall. Upon the sale of a rental property receiving service from Frankton Municipal Utilities, the new owner will be required to submit an agreement in accordance with this Section 2, and service to such rental property may be disconnected, pursuant to law, until such agreement has been submitted.

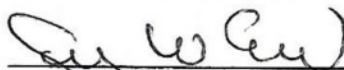
**SECTION 3.** In the event utilities are disconnected at a rental property for nonpayment, NSFC, or a tenant fails to pay a final utility bill after applying meter deposits, the Utility Billing Clerk will submit in writing a request for payment from the current property owner who has filed an agreement to assume financial responsibility in accordance with Section 2. The current property owner shall be responsible for all unpaid utility bills existing at the time of becoming the property owner and all utility bills incurred during ownership of the property, regardless of the name to whom utilities were billed for the rental property.

**SECTION 4.** In the event a delinquent utility bill remains unpaid, utilities will be disconnected at the rental property for nonpayment. The total delinquent utility bill, plus a \$25.00 reconnect fee per utility must be paid before utility service is restored to the property.

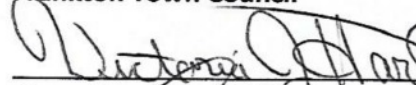
**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance shall become effective for services billed on or after July 22, 2017 (the "Effective Date").

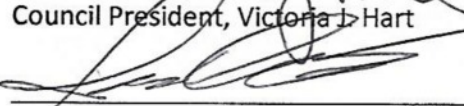
**READ, PASSED, and SIGNED** by the Frankton Town Council this 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

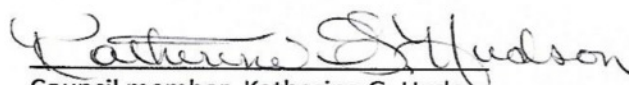
Attest:

  
Clerk-Treasurer, Jerry W. Ehman

**Frankton Town Council**

  
Council President, Victoria A. Hart

  
Council member, Joshua M. Davis

  
Council member, Katherine G. Hudson