

CITY OF RICE LAKE

Ordinance No. 40

Amendment to Sewer Ordinance # 25 and Water Ordinance #27

The City Council of the City of Rice Lake hereby ordains as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. City of Rice Lake Ordinance #25 titled "An Ordinance Establishing Sewer Regulations" is hereby amended by adding Section 9.11 as follows:

Section 9.11. MULTI-FAMILY UNIT and MOBILE HOME METERING

The City of Rice Lake mandates on any multi-family building and all properties upon which multiple mobile home units are located, and which is connected to the municipal water or sewer system, the landowner shall install, at landowner's expense, a master water meter which shall monitor all water consumed on the property. The City of Rice Lake will invoice the land owner for the water and sewer consumed based on the actual usage of the master meter.

All charges for sewer and water service authorized by City ordinance shall be imposed against the owner of the land upon which the water or sewer service has been used and shall be a joint and several liability of the owner and occupant(s) if the premises is not owner occupied. The owner shall be responsible for monitoring and shall be liable for the cost of water and sewer service supplied to the owner's property, whether the owner is occupying the property or not, and all charges shall be a lien upon the property until paid. All charges shall be due and payable as provided by City ordinance or as provided by separate resolution of the City Council or by administrative billing statement, if not provided in this section. Any unpaid charges shall constitute a lien against the premises from and after the date they were due and unpaid and shall be certified to the county auditor for collection with taxes. If the utility account is not paid in full in a timely fashion, the City of Rice Lake will notify the land owner and certify any unpaid balance to the landowner's property taxes periodically as allowed per Minnesota State Statute 444.075.

Section 2. Amendment. City of Rice Lake Ordinance #27 titled "A Restated Water Ordinance" is hereby amended by adding Section 5.F. as follows:

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Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City of Rice Lake, St. Louis County, Minnesota, and this 14th day of March, 2016

City of Rice Lake


John Werner, Mayor


Joan Jauss, Clerk