Town of Georgetown, Indiana

Ordinance G-13-13

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COLLECTION POLICY FOR OVERDUE AND DELINQUENT WATER, SEWER, MS4, AND GARBAGE COLLECTION ACCOUNTS FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA

WHEREAS, The Town of Georgetown, Indiana provides water, sewer, MS4 and garbage collection services for property owners and residents of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana; and

WHEREAS, The Town does not presently have an established and codified collection policy for overdue and delinquent water, sewer and garbage collection accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Georgetown, Indiana desires to establish a collection policy for the Town.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF GEORGETOWN, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS:

That the Town Council of Georgetown, Indiana hereby establishes a collection policy for water, sewer, MS4, and garbage collection services and utilities as follows:

- a. Services: Services include water, sewer, MS4, and garbage collection provided by the Town of Georgetown.
- b. The rates, charges and unpaid or overdue billings shall be the responsibility of the owner of each property served. Rates and charges may be billed to the tenant(s) after such time an account has been established and a deposit has been paid, but such billing shall in no way relieve the owner from liability in the event payment is not made as herein required. Services to rental property shall be completely satisfied upon vacation of rental property by a tenant(s).
- c. The owner of property served which is occupied by a tenant or tenants shall have the right to examine the collection records of the Town for the purpose of determining whether such bills have been paid by such tenant or tenants, provided that any such examination shall be made at the office at which said records are kept and shall only be made during such hours that said office is open for business.
- d. Before any new accounts are opened or transferred and services established for any person, persons, business or any other entity, any and all outstanding balances which have accrued to that person, persons,

- business or entity for water, sewer, MS4, and/or garbage collection services shall be satisfied prior to the initiation of new services.
- e. Any payment for services made by check that is returned for any reason shall be subject to a \$35.00 returned check fee. All checks returned shall be satisfied within two (2) business days of notification to the drawer of the check. Any accounts paid with a check returned and not satisfied within two (2) business days shall have services suspended until the returned check is satisfied. Postdated checks shall not be accepted.
- f. If a property receiving services is transferred for any reason, deposits shall be applied to any outstanding balances. Services shall continue to be billed to the property owner of record until proof of said transfer is provided to the Town and such services are transferred or terminated.

Adopted by the Town Council of Georgetown, Indiana this $\underline{j \, \mathcal{E}}$ day of \underline{July} ,

2013.

Mike Mills, President

Jim Tripure, Member

Kathy Haller, Member

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Jerry Brock, Member

ATTEST:

Douglas Cook, Clerk/Treasurer