

April 12, 2016

RESUME

A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES
TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE,
VIRGINIA, 2005, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 82-265
AND 82-540 TO REVISE UTILITY PENALTIES

Request adoption of ordinances amending The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended by amending sections 82-265 AND 82-540 to revise utility penalties to be consistent with section 2-732 revised in 2015.

[Sec. 2-732. - Penalties and interest on local government accounts receivable. Any person failing to pay an account, fee or charge owed to the county, on or before its due date, other than taxes provided for by state law, shall incur a penalty of ten percent of the account balance or \$10.00, whichever is greater. Unless otherwise provided for by law, interest at the rate of ten percent annually from the first day of the month following the delinquency shall also be collected upon the principal and penalty of all such accounts.]

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE, VIRGINIA, 2015, AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 82-265 AND 82-540 TO REVISE UTILITY PENALTIES FOR LATE PAYMENT.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Prince George County:

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Sec. 82-265. - Other charges.

The department shall make the following charges for the respective water services to utility customers:

- (1) Turn-on water, account charge (payable in advance); new service, new account: \$20.00.
- (2) Meters shall be read every two months by the properly authorized personnel, and utility bills shall be prepared therefrom by the utility department and rendered by deposit in the U.S. mail no later than the 20th working day of the month after the meters are read. Such bills so rendered shall be due and payable by cash, check, charge card or money order in the office of the county treasurer on or before 5:00 p.m. of the 15th calendar day of the month ~~in which~~ following the month the bill was rendered, and, if not so paid, ~~an eight a ten percent penalty or \$10.00 whichever is greater~~ shall be added thereon and the department shall mail the customer a delinquent notice. The bill may be exempted from this penalty once in a

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12 month period if a good faith effort can be shown that the customer attempted to pay the bill and the customer has had no payments late in the previous 12 months.

If such bill is not so paid on or before 5:00 p.m. ten days subsequent to the mailing of the delinquent notice, the utility service to such delinquent customer shall be discontinued. Any utility service discontinued under this subsection shall only be reconnected after all delinquent amounts and penalties have been paid by cash or money order along with a reconnection fee of \$40.00.

- (3) Change of meter size: cost plus ten percent.
- (4) Change service connection size, location: cost plus ten percent.
- (5) Raise or lower meter box: cost plus ten percent.
- (6) Remove obstruction with easement: cost plus ten percent.
- (7) Inspection of utility extensions, developer-installed systems: cost plus ten percent.
- (8) Repair utility line or appurtenances damaged by known person: cost plus ten percent.

Sec. 82-540. - Other charges.

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- (2) With the Board's approval, these ordinances shall be effective July 1, 2016.

Board of Supervisors
County of Prince George, Virginia

Ordinance

At the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Prince George held in the Boardroom, Third Floor, County Administration Building, 6602 Courts Drive, Prince George, Virginia, this 12th day of April, 2016:

Present:

Vote:

William A. Robertson, Jr., Chairman
Jerry J. Skalsky, Vice-Chair
Alan R. Carmichael
Donald Hunter
T. J. Webb

On motion of _____, seconded by _____, which carried a vote the following Ordinance was adopted:

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**PUBLIC NOTICE
COUNTY OF PRINCE GEORGE**

Public Notice is hereby given to all interested persons regarding the following public meeting:

The Prince George County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 12, 2015 beginning at 7:30 p.m. concerning the following request:

Adoption of ordinances amending The Code of the County of Prince George, Virginia, 2005, as amended by amending sections 82-265 AND 82-540 to revise utility penalties to be consistent with section 2-732 which was revised in 2015.

The meeting will be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room, third floor, County Administration Building, pursuant to §15.2-2204, §15.2-2225 and §15.2-2285, The Code of Virginia (1950, as amended). A copy of the related material may be examined from the Prince George County website at <http://www.princegeorgecountyva.gov/Index.aspx?page=1187> or at the Engineering and Utilities Department (804-722-8706) in the County Administration Building, second floor, open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. All interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard at said public hearing.

Percy C. Ashcraft
County Administrator