

ORDINANCE -425

AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING RESIDENCES AND CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF VAN BUREN, MISSOURI TO MAINTAIN MUNICIPAL WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Van Buren, Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

- a. **RESIDENCE:** Any house, apartment, duplex or other structure in use as a single family dwelling unit and subject to property tax.
- b. **COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENT:** Any business or commercial establishment serviced by municipal water service and subject to property tax.

SECTION 2: No owner or possessor of any Residence shall permit such premises to be occupied or inhabited unless and until municipal water service and or municipal sewer service is provided for and connected to such residence.

SECTION 3: No person shall occupy any Residence within the City of Van Buren which is not connected to and supplied with municipal water and or sewer services.

SECTION 4: No owner or possessor of any Commercial Establishment shall be permitted to connect to or be supplied with municipal water service unless such Establishment is also connected to municipal sewer service.

SECTION 5: Every Residence and Commercial Establishment subject to property tax to which municipal water and or sewer services is required to subscribe to and be charged for municipal solid waste collection; Exception; if they have acquired a dumpster for their own use and show proof of said dumpster.

SECTION 6: Every Residence and Commercial Establishment subject to property tax for which municipal utilities and services are required by this Ordinance shall be charged for such utilities and services in the utility bill that is presented to all customers on the first day of each month. Delinquency or non-payment of any amount of a combined monthly utility bill shall constitute delinquency or non-payment for any and all utilities and services required for that customer.

SECTION 7: PENALTY

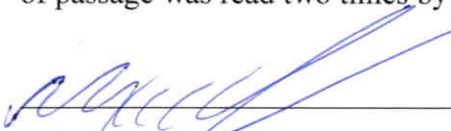
Any owner or occupier of a Residence subject to property tax who occupies or suffers or permits others to occupy such Residence without municipal water and sewer service connected and provided thereto shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a fine of \$500.00. Each calendar day of violation of this Ordinance shall

constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance shall not be read to repeal any other ordinance of the City of Van Buren, but shall be construed in harmony with all other ordinances.

SECTION 9: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage.

This Ordinance having been made available to the public at and on the date of passage was read two times by title only and passed June 14, 2021.



Mayor, Mike Hoerner

Attest:



Tammy Orchard, City Clerk