



**CITY OF ST. MARYS**

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is our goal to work with local realtors to provide the temporary service necessary while attempting to rent or sell a residence or business. We do this by allowing the application and services to be turned on before we bill the \$35.00 temporary service fee. After thirty days, we then bill for usage.

Effective Monday, March 21, 2011, temporary utility accounts will be billed for **water and sewer** consumption in addition to a \$35.00 fee that is paid when an account is established or billed out the following month. Also, effective Monday, March 21, 2011, all temporary service accounts will no longer be closed after the first 30 days of service but will continue to stay active for 12-months. Every temporary utility account will be billed a \$35.00 temporary service fee for every 30 days of services, plus water and sewer consumptions. It is the sole responsibility of the account owner to request that any utility services be discontinued prior to the 12-month time frame. If a disconnect form is not received by the St. Marys Water Department, each account will continue to be billed \$35.00 for every 30 days of services plus water and sewer consumptions.

However, if any account becomes past due and after 60 days the balance is not paid in full, all utility services under the same ownership will be disconnected and such owner will not be allowed to open any temporary service accounts until all balances are paid in full.

If you have any questions, please call the numbers listed above.

Sincerely,

St Marys Water Department

AN AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF ST. MARYS, GEORGIA, SECTION 98-2 TO SET OUT THE APPLICATION FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICE.

Be it, and it is, hereby ordained by the Mayor and Council of the City of St. Marys, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2011 that section 98-2 of the Code of Ordinances, City of St. Marys, Georgia is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 98-2 – Application for water and sewer service.**

- (a) The consumer shall make application for water and sewer service at the city hall water department and at the same time shall make a security deposit of \$100.00 for water and sewer service. Failure to submit a complete application (Social Security Number, date of birth, driver's license) will result in collection of a deposit in the amount of \$250.00.
- (b) Upon the expiration of 12 months following the posting of the water and sewer 38 security deposit, the deposit shall be returned to the applicant through a credit to 39 the existing account provided: (i) a request for such credit is made by the 40 applicant; and (ii) all bills rendered by the city for the 12-month period have been 41 paid in full on a timely basis. In the event the applicant has not paid such bills on a timely basis, such applicant shall be entitled to a refund only after the expiration of 12 months from the last late payment was due and provided all payments within the ensuing 12-month period have been made in full on a timely basis.
- (c) In the event that a water and sewer security deposit has been refunded by the city and service is thereafter terminated for non-payment, service may only be restored upon payment in full of the current bill. Following the expiration of 12 months, the applicant shall be entitled to a refund pursuant to the provisions of subsection (b), above.
- (d) A monthly base rate of \$35.00 plus water and sewer usage charges, shall apply for temporary water and sewer services required for a time period of up to 30 days for uninhabited properties. Commercial businesses, such as rental management companies, real estate companies, inspection companies, etc. will be allowed to have this continuous temporary service with monthly renewals. This monthly charge shall apply up and until a service is requested to be disconnected for a period of up to twelve months. All service under the same commercial business name can be terminated for non-payment on one (1) account. Service may only be restored upon payment in full of all accounts. The outgoing party shall be responsible for all monthly charges plus usage until service is disconnected or a new occupant applies for service.
- (e) All new construction projects, residential and commercial, will be required to pay only for actual water used after a water meter has been installed until receipt of a certificate of occupancy or actual occupancy by a resident or commercial business owner. Upon receipt of a certificate of occupancy or actual occupancy of a structure, the standard water-sewer fees will apply as described in this chapter.

**This Amendment shall become effective upon passage this 21st day of March, 2011.**