

1 An Ordinance pertaining to procedures for collection of water bills; repealing  
2 Section One of Ordinance 58746, which is presently codified as Section 5.08.050;  
3 repealing Section 548.170 of the City of St. Louis Code, enacted under Ordinance 55357  
4 (part) and currently known as Section 23.06.170 of the City of St. Louis Revised Code;  
5 repealing Section Eleven of Ordinance 67919, which is codified as Section 23.06.130 of  
6 the City of St. Louis Revised Code; all having as their subject certain procedures for the  
7 collection of water bills and enacting in lieu thereof six new sections relating to the same  
8 subject; containing an emergency clause and a severability clause.

9 **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

10 **SECTION ONE.** Section One of Ordinance 58746 of the Revised Code of the City of  
11 St. Louis, codified as 5.08.050, is hereby repealed.

12 **SECTION TWO.** Enacted in lieu is the following provision:

13 5.08.050 Collection of water bills--Filing of reports.

14 The Collector of Revenue is hereby directed to collect and process water bills and  
15 in addition thereto is hereby directed that he has the additional duty and responsibility  
16 imposed upon him of preparing and filing monthly budget reports concerning the  
17 collection of the water bills.

18 The Collector of Revenue is further authorized to collect delinquent water bills,  
19 which are more than forty-five (45) days delinquent, in the same manner that he collects  
20 delinquent bill(s) under Section 92.700 et.seq. RSMo. The Collector may also collect the  
21 delinquent bills pursuant to any other remedy provided for under Missouri law.

22 In addition to any other compensation otherwise provided by law, the Collector of  
23 Revenue shall receive compensation in the amount of nineteen thousand five hundred

1 dollars annually for the additional duties and responsibilities imposed upon him by this  
2 Section.

3 **SECTION THREE.** Section 548.170 of the City of St. Louis Code, enacted under  
4 Ordinance 55357 (part) and now known as Section 23.06.170 of the City of St. Louis  
5 Revised Code, is hereby repealed.

6 **SECTION FOUR.** The following provision is enacted in lieu thereof:  
7 Section 23.06.170 Liens.

8         When any water bills or charges pursuant to ordinance remain unpaid, in whole or  
9 in part after the date due for payment, the Collector of Revenue is authorized to file a lien  
10 upon the premises or real estate upon or for which the water was used or service  
11 rendered. The Collector of Revenue shall notify the property owner via certified mail  
12 that a lien will be filed on the property no less than ten (10) days prior to the filing of the  
13 lien.

14 **SECTION FIVE.** Section Eleven of Ordinance 67919, set forth under 23.02130 is  
15 hereby repealed.

16 **SECTION SIX.** The following provision is enacted in lieu thereof:  
17 23.06.130 Shutoff for delinquency.

18         The Collector of Revenue shall furnish the Water Commissioner a daily written list  
19 of all water bills paid and paid in the previous day and shall also provide a monthly  
20 written list of all water bills that are delinquent for more than forty-five (45) days. The  
21 Water Commissioner may shut off the water from all premises for the nonpayment of  
22 delinquent bills. Water shall not again be furnished thereto until all outstanding  
23 obligations for water supplied to such premises shall have been paid in full and a charge  
24 of \$25.00 has been paid in advance for turning on such water.

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**Sponsored by: Alderman Matt Villa**

1 **SECTION SEVEN.** Severability Clause. The sections, subsections and clauses of this  
2 ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any section, subsection or clause of this  
3 ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, the remaining  
4 sections, subsection, or clauses of this ordinance are valid, unless the court finds the valid  
5 sections of the ordinance are so essential and inseparably connected with and dependent  
6 upon the void section that it cannot be presumed that this Board of Alderman would have  
7 enacted the valid section without the void ones, or unless the court finds that the valid  
8 sections standing alone are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance  
9 with the legislative intent.

10 **SECTION EIGHT.** Emergency Clause.

11 This being an ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health  
12 and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance under Article IV, Sections  
13 19 and 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and it shall take effect and be in full  
14 force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor or its adoption over his  
15 veto.