

(I) FOR WATER SERVICE, A BILL FOR MINIMUM CHARGES AND USAGE CHARGES FOR WATER ONCE EACH 3 OR 6 MONTHS; AND

(II) FOR OTHER CHARGES, A BILL ONCE EACH 3, 6, OR 12 MONTHS; AND

(2) MAY STAGGER THE FREQUENCY AND DATES OF BILLS SENT UNDER THIS SECTION.

(K) PAYMENT.

THE PROPERTY OWNER PROMPTLY SHALL PAY ANY BILL SENT UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(L) ACTION FOLLOWING NONPAYMENT.

IF A WATER BILL IS UNPAID FOR 30 DAYS AFTER BEING SENT, AND AFTER WRITTEN NOTICE IS LEFT ON THE PREMISES OR MAILED TO THE LAST KNOWN ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, THE SANITARY COMMISSION MAY:

(1) DISCONNECT WATER SERVICE TO THE PROPERTY; AND

(2) REQUIRE, BEFORE RECONNECTING WATER SERVICE, PAYMENT OF THE ENTIRE WATER BILL PLUS \$5.

(M) DEFAULT.

(1) IF A CHARGE FOR WHICH A BILL SENT UNDER THIS SECTION IS IN DEFAULT 60 DAYS AFTER THE BILL IS SENT, THE CHARGE IS IN DEFAULT.

(2) WHEN A CHARGE IS IN DEFAULT, IT IS A LIEN ON THE PROPERTY AND THE SANITARY COMMISSION MAY COLLECT THE CHARGE IN THE SAME MANNER AS BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 663.

Subsection (c)(1)(ii) of this section is new language added to emphasize that the sanitary commission may make a minimum charge as well as a usage charge for properties without meters.

In subsection (j) of this section, the introductory exception as to minimum charges for sewer services is new language added in light of the requirement that those charges be collected in the same manner as benefit assessments.

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