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JOINT ACCOUNT-APPLICATION FOR WATER/SEWER SERVICE ON RENTAL PROPERTY

Account Number: _____

Date: _____

RESPONSIBLE PARY (PROPERTY OWNER/PROPERTY MANAGER/LANDLORD)

Taxpayer name: _____

Physical address: _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone Number _____

Email Address (optional) _____

TENANT

Tenant Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Alt. Phone Number _____

Email Address (optional) _____

Pursuant to City of Walker Code, Sec.28-134 (A), the owner of the property is the party ultimately responsible for all unpaid charges on a water/sewer utility account. This means if a tenant vacates the property without paying all outstanding charges, the owner of the property will be billed and/or assessed for the outstanding balance.

Sec. 28-133. Rates established.

Water rates shall be established by resolution of the City Council and may be changed from time to time.

('86 Code, § 4-317) (Am. Ord. 2011-05, passed 7-11-11)

Sec. 28-134 Billing and payment.

(A) *Responsibility.* All accounts shall be carried in the name of the owner who personally, or by his or her authorized agent, shall apply for such service. The owner shall be liable for water supplied to the property, whether he or she is occupying the property or not, and any charges unpaid shall be a lien upon the property.

(B) *Time.* Statements for total water charges for the preceding month shall be mailed to each customer on or before the tenth day of each succeeding month. The amount listed on the statement shall be due by the 20th of each month.

(C) *Non-payment.* Bills not paid within the period prescribed under division (B) shall be deemed delinquent and the Clerk/Administrator shall notify the delinquent owner-occupant in writing regarding the delinquent bill and subsequent penalty. The penalty shall be computed at 10% of the original bill and shall be increased the same 10% for every month the bill is outstanding.

(D) *Shut-offs; resumption.*

(1) The city reserves the right to discontinue service to any or all customers of the water system for non-payment of bills when the account has become 60 days delinquent; when service has been discontinued, it shall not be resumed except upon payment of all delinquent bills, together with a fee which shall be set by resolution of the Council from time to time for shutting off and re-establishing service, or except upon other satisfactory arrangements for payment being made with the Clerk/Administrator.

(2) The city shall not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit when the following conditions are met:

- (a) The disconnection would occur during the period between October 15 and April 15;
- (b) The customer has declared inability to pay using forms provided by the Clerk/Administrator;
- (c) The customer's account is current for the billing period immediately prior to October 15 or the customer has entered into a payment schedule agreement and is reasonably current with payments under the schedule.

(d) The city shall, between August 15 and October 15, of each year, notify all residential customers of the provisions of the Cold Weather Rule, M.S. § 216B.097, as it may be amended from time to time.

(E) *Remedies.* Any amount due under this section may be collected in an action brought in the name of the city against the customer, or the city may certify to the County Auditor the amounts due, together with the legal description of the premises served, and the County Auditor shall thereupon enter such assessment on the tax rolls in the same manner as a special assessment on real estate for street improvements, except that the full amount shall be due within one year, and it shall be collected in the same manner as taxes against the real estate; provided, however, that nothing herein shall alter the other provisions of this code with respect to shut-offs.

('86 Code, § 4-318) (Am. Res. 7-1997, passed - -; Am. Ord. 2011-05, passed 7-11-11)

Current Water/Sewer/Storm Water fees:

Storm Water Cost, Storm Water fess zoned R, LDR, MFR, TC is \$1.00 per month. Storm Water fees zoned CBD, GC, WCI, P is \$2.00 per month. Water Cost Monthly base rate is \$22.50, Usage per 1,000 gals is \$3.00. Sewer Cost Monthly base rate is \$30.50, Usage per 1,000 gals is \$2.00, PFA Surcharge per 1,000 gals is .50.

VERIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Also by signing below, I verify that I have received Sec. 28-133 Rates established, a copy of the current Water/Sewer/Storm Water fees as of date signed and Sec. 28-134 Billing and Payment and I understand my responsibilities for payment of water/sewer bills. I understand from time to time the City may amend City Codes and may issue additional policies.

Signature of property owner/property manager/landlord

Date

Signature of Tenant

Date
