

Ordinance No. 2498

ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22-2-38(a) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
PERTAINING TO THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE DUE DATE  
FOR PAYMENT OF UTILITY BILLS

WHEREAS, currently the City of Biloxi Ordinance 22-3-38(a) requires utility bills to be due and payable not later than the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) day follow date upon which bill is rendered; and

WHEREAS, due to the time required for mailed utility bills to reach residents and time required for mailing of payments, it is difficult for residents to meet the current ten (day) time to avoid late fees; and

WHEREAS, The City of Biloxi is willing to extend the payment due date on receipt of utility bill payments to “not later than twenty days following the date the utility bill was rendered”, meaning twenty days from the issue date on the utility bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI, THAT:

SECTION ONE: The findings, conclusions and statements of fact contained in the foregoing preamble are hereby adopted, ratified, and incorporated herein.

SECTION TWO: Section 22-2-38(a) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 22-2-38. Due date for payment of bills; late charge.

- (a) Meter basis. All quantities of water service through meters shall be determined by meter reading every 30 days, and a combined bill shall be made and rendered for such month, using the minimum volume and rates set out in Section 22-2-29, together with a sewer charge as provided for in Section 22-2-32. Such bills shall be rendered with such 30-day period, and shall be due and payable not later than the ~~tenth~~ twentieth day following the date upon which such bill is rendered. A late charge of up to ten percent thereon shall be charged on any portion of such bill that is not paid on or prior to the due date of such amount.

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SECTION THREE: This Ordinances shall become effective, as soon thereafter as is signed, certified and as is otherwise provided by law.

The foregoing Ordinance having first been reduced to writing, was read by the Clerk and moved by Councilmember Tisdale, seconded by Councilmember Lawrence, and was adopted by the following vote:

YEAS:	Lawrence	Deming	NAYS:	None
	Gines	Tisdale		
	Newman	Glavan		
ABSENT:	Barrett			

The President then declared the Ordinance adopted this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.



ATTEST:

APPROVED:

*Heidi Campbell*  
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 CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

*[Signature]*  
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 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Submitted to and approved by the Mayor, this the 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2022.

APPROVED:

*[Signature]*  
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 MAYOR