

Rule 19 - PROPERTY OWNERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR UNPAID BILLS

Owners of property shall be held responsible for water/sewer services used on their premises, but payments will be accepted from tenants. In case the tenants do not pay, the property owner shall pay as in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Division of Water and Wastewater.

When water/sewer service charges are not paid when due, the Director of Public Service or designate may do either or both of the following:

- A. Certify them, together with any penalties, to the County Auditor, who shall place the certified amount on the real property tax list and duplicate against the property served from the date placed on the list and duplicate shall be collected in the same manner as other taxes, except that, notwithstanding section 323.15 of the Ohio Revised Code, the County Treasurer shall accept partial payment for the full amount of such unpaid water rents or charges and associated penalties. The lien shall be released immediately upon payment in full of the certified amount. The County Treasurer shall place any amounts collected pursuant to certification under this division in the distinct fund established by section 743.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. Unless the Director or designate determines that a transfer of the property is about to occur, the Director, or designate may only make a certification under this rule if the rents or charges have been due and unpaid for at least sixty days and the Director or designate has provided the owner of the property with written notice of the impending certification. However, no certification may be made directly with the owner of the property served.
- B. Collect them by action at law, in the name of the City from an owner, tenant, or other person who is liable to pay the rents or charges.

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At any time before certification as provided above, the Director or designate shall accept any partial payment of unpaid water rents or charges, in the amount of \$10.00 or more.

Approved:

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David Rhodes, Director of Public Service

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Date