MARIPOSA COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 616

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13.02, WATER REGULATIONS,
OF THE MARIPOSA COUNTY CODE
SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTIONS 13.02.390 AND 13.02.400
RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY hereby ordains as follows:

SECTION I: Section 13.02.390 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

"13.02.390 Billing--Rendering and payment of bills.

- A. Bills for water service and sewer service shall be rendered at the end of each billing period to include the minimum charge for the following period. Bills shall be payable on presentation.
- B. On each bill for services rendered by the district shall be printed substantially the following:

"If charges are not paid within thrity days after the due date or dates, a penalty of ten percent will be added to said charges plus a further penalty of one percent per month on the first day of each month following. If full charges and penalty, if any, are not paid within sixty days after the due date or dates, District shall discontinue service, and a reconnection charge in the amount of \$30 will be imposed."

SECTION II: Section 13.02.400 is amended to read in its entirety as follows:

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"13.02.400 Discontinuance of service--Nonpayment of bills. A. Under the terms of this Section, service may be discontinued for nonpayment of bills.

- B. A customer's water service may be discontinued if water service furnished at a previous location is not paid for within the time fixed in this chapter for the payment of bills.
- C. If a customer receives water service at more than one location and the bill for service at any one location is not paid within the time provided for payment, water service at all locations may be turned off.
- D. At least thirty (30) days prior to any discontinuance of service for nonpayment of bills, hereunder, the customer shall be sent a Notice, which Notice shall contain the following:
- That a billing which is specified and itemized, is delinquent.
- 2. That if the billing is disputed by the customer, the customer may meet with a designated employee of the District and that the customer will have the opportunity to present his or her objection to the billing.
- 3. The name of the employee and the fact that the employee shall be empowered to act on behalf of the District to correct any errors in the billing.
 - 4. The address where such employee is located.
- 5. The hours of the day wherein the employee will be available to meet with the customer.
 - 6. That if the billing is determined to be

justly due by the District after the meeting between the customer and the District employee, or if the customer fails to avail himself or herself of a meeting, the service will be disconnected on the first regular working day thirty (30) days from the date of the Notice described herein, or as soon thereafter as can be done.

- 7. The Notice required herein shall be sent by United States mail, registered, return receipt requested.
- E. The service will not be discontinued, however, until the amount of the deposit, if any, made to establish credit for that service has been fully absorbed."

SECTION III: This Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days from the date of final passage pursuant to Government Code Section 25123. Before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after passage, this Ordinance shall be published once in the Mariposa Gazette, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Mariposa, with the names of the members voting for and against it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of March, 1984, by the Board of Supervisors of Mariposa County by the following vote:

AYES: BARRICK, DALTON, ERICKSON, MOFFITT, TABER NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE ABSTAINED: NONE

GERTRUDE R. TABER, Chairman Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

LYNNE ROBINSON, Acting County Clerk and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board

G. GREEN, County Counsel