

## **ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA, AMENDING SECTION 4.2 OF ORDINANCE 2006-02, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2005-04, CHANGING THE BILLING AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR WATER AND GARBAGE SERVICE, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, PROVIDING A REPEALER, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

**WHEREAS;** the Town of Greenwood has determined that the efficient and profitable operation of it's existing water system requires adjustments to the billing and collection procedures,

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it ordained and enacted:

**Section 1. SECTION 4.2 OF ORDINANCE 2006-02 AMENDED.** Section 4.2 of Ordinance 2006-02, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE WATER SERVICE ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR CONNECTIONS TO THE WATER SYSTEM, PROVIDING FOR THE IMPOSITION, COLLECTION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF CHARGES AND FEES FOR CONNECTION THERETO AND SERVICES THEREFROM, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO THE WATER SYSTEM AND THE USE AND OPERATION THEREOF, REPEALING INCONSISTENT PRIOR ORDINANCE PROVISIONS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE"; which section currently reads:

DELIQUINT BILLS. Bills not paid on or before the 29<sup>th</sup> day of the next month shall be subject to a penalty equal to ten percent (10%) of the bill. Customers whose bills are not paid by the time the next month's bills are mailed will have a notice that service is subject to disconnection included on the subsequent bill. When a bill includes a past due amount, the bill must be paid in full by the 9<sup>th</sup> day of that month, or the customer's water service shall be turned off immediately without further notice. All unpaid charges including penalties and reconnection fee shall be paid before the service is turned on again

is hereby stricken in its entirety and amended by replacement with the following Section 4.2:

BILLING AND COLLECTION. Bills shall be sent at the end of the month and shall be due on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the following month. The bill shall be delinquent if not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and shall be subject to penalty and late charge equal to ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bill. If the bill, including any late or delinquent charges accrued, is not paid by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month immediately

following mailing of the bill, service will be interrupted and discontinued until the amount due, including late charges and penalties, disconnect and reconnect fees, is paid in full.

**Section 2. REPEALER.** Ordinance 2005-04, entitled "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA; PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION OF WATER AND SOLID WASTE FEES AND PENALTIES FOR NON-PAYMENT, INCLUDING DISCONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR A COMBINED MINIMUM WATER AND SOLID WASTE FEE FOR EACH HOUSEHOLD OR BUSINESS; PROVIDING A REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE", is hereby repealed. The provisions of all other ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are also repealed.

**Section 3. SEVERABILITY.** If any word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion of this law or any application thereof to any person or circumstance is declared void, unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, then such word, phrase, sentence, part, section, subsection, or other portion, or the proscribed application thereof, shall be severable, and the remaining provisions of this Law, and all applications thereof, not having been declared void, unconstitutional, or invalid, shall remain in full force and effect.

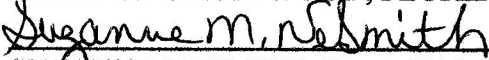
**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective January 1, 2010.

Adopted at a duly advertised public hearing at which a quorum was present and a majority voted in favor, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009.

ATTEST:

**TOWN COUNCIL OF THE**

TOWN OF GREENWOOD, FLORIDA



SUZANNE NESMITH, Town Clerk



CHARLES SANDERS, Mayor