## STATE OF GEORGIA CITY OF RINCON

## ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF RINCON AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF RINCON, GEORGIA AT CHAPTER 82 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE II, SECTION (82-31) PAYMENT; DELINQUENCY; PENALTIES; NONPAYMENT; DISCONNECTION AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE; RECONNECTION FEES; TO PROVIDE FOR NOTICE; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHERAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City of Rincon, Georgia is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances relating to its property, affairs and local government;

**WHERAS**, the Mayor and Council have authority to amend the City's ordinances from time to time and where necessary to maintain adequate regulations, and have passed a prior Resolution to initiate such change in this instance and;

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RINCON HEREBY ORDAINS, in a regular meeting assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof, as follows:

## Article II – Utility Billing - Section 82-31

Sec. 82-31. - Payment; delinquency; penalties; nonpayment; disconnection and discontinuance of service; reconnection fees.

All utility bills will be mailed by the tenth (10th) day of each month.

To avoid a ten percent penalty charge all utility bills must be paid in full by the 30<sup>th</sup> day of each month. If the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day of the month falls on a non-business day, the penalty will be assessed at 11:59 p.m. on the next regularly scheduled work day for the City of Rincon.

To avoid an interruption of service (disconnection) all utility bills must be paid in full by the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month. The failure of the city to insist upon the penalty charge and/or disconnection of services shall not be deemed a waiver of any subsequent penalties and/or disconnection of service if future utility bills are not paid in a timely manner as outlined above.

Should an interruption of service (disconnection) occur there will be an administrative fee added to the utility bill. An interruption of service is considered to have taken place at 11:59 p.m. on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of each month whether or not the service

has been physically interrupted (disconnected). If an interruption of service (disconnection) does occur there shall be no additional penalty charges.

If the 5th day of the month falls on a non-business day, then the actual interruption (disconnection) of service will take place on the next regularly scheduled workday for the City of Rincon. This will not eliminate the administrative fee charge referred to in the paragraph listed above.

Severability. If any section, clause, sentence or phrase of this ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way effect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

Repeal. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SO ORDAINED this  $\frac{9}{2}$  day of  $\frac{5ept.}{}$ , 2024.

Dulcia King, City Clerk