ORDINANCE NO. 2000-1087

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 514, SECTION 20, CITY CODE SECTION 13.04.200 WITH RESPECT TO LIENS; ADOPTING ALTERNATIVE REMEDIES FOR DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, ordinance 514, Section 20, provides for the mandatory docketing and foreclosure of liens on delinquent water accounts, and the City Council deems it in the best interest of the City to make the remedies of lien docketing and foreclosure of liens an optional remedy, and to authorize assignment of delinquent accounts to debt collection agencies as an alternate means for collection;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF SHERWOOD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 20 of Ordinance No. 514 (City Code Section 13.04.200) is hereby amended as follows:

"Section 20:

- "(a) All water charges delinquent for a period of ninety (90) days shall be a charge upon and a lien against the real estate and property on which the water is used, whether used by the owner, tenant or other persons. Such liens, at the discretion of the City Manager or Manager's designee, may be docketed as liens and such liens, when so docketed, may be foreclosed in the manner provided by law for other City liens.
- "(b) A water service account that is delinquent for a period of ninety days may be assigned to a debt collection agency for collection. So long as such accounts are assigned for collection, the lien shall not be foreclosed, and shall be satisfied to the extent of any collections made by the collection agency from party or parties responsible for payment of the account."
- **Section 2.** Effective date. This ordinance shall become effective on the 30th day after its enactment by City Council and approval by the Mayor.

Walt Hitchcock Mayor

Duly passed by the Council this 14th day of March, 2000.

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