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ORDINANCE NO. _____696_____

AN ORDINANCE REGARDING CONTRACTED COLLECTION AGENCY SERVICES TO COLLECT DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND ASSESS COLLECTION COSTS AND FEES.

WHEREAS, The City of Rose Hill, Kansas has the authority to contract with a collection agency in order to collect outstanding debts from delinquent accounts accrued from unpaid utility bills, municipal court fines and fees, and City service fees. The collection process shall also allow for assessment of collection costs and fees to the debtor account holder.

NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROSE HILL, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The City is authorized to contract debt collection services to collect selected delinquent accounts. The debtor account holder owing unpaid utility bills or City service fees or municipal court fines and fees shall pay any and all charges related to the reasonable costs of collection of any fine/fee/costs of services, as well as any costs/assessments for clean-up of the property for a municipal violation that is the issue herein. This specifically applies to, but is not limited to, charges for water, sewer, property code violations, fines, fees, interest accrued thereon, and any other debt due and owing to the municipality. The costs of collection include, but are not limited to, court costs, surcharges, attorney fees, and collection agency fee, except that such costs of collection may not include both attorney fees and collection agency fees.

SECTION 2. All ordinances and resolutions, including Ordinance 553 and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed in so far as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage and shall be published in the official City newspaper.

PASSED by the governing body of the City of Rose Hill, Kansas this ______ day of ______ 2021

APPROVED and signed by the Mayor this 8th day of October, 2021.

Marin KAlson

Attest:

and

Kelly Mendoaa, City Clerk

Approved to form:

Richard A. Samaniego, City Attorney