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Resolution No. 2024-02

A Resolution of the Mayor & Council of the Town of Galena to set a fee schedule for outstanding balances of utility bills, monthly finance charges, and fire hydrant water filling charges.

WHEREAS, Section 1013 of the Charter of the Town of Galena authorizes the Mayor & Council to charge and collect any charges that are deemed necessary with respect to water service; and

WHEREAS, Section 173-3 of the Galena Code of Ordinance sets forth that all such charges shall be determined by the Mayor & Council from time to time by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2022-05 authorizes the Mayor & Council to charge a fee in the amount of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) prior to the time water is shut off at a residence per property owner's request, and a fee in the amount of One-Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00) if water is shut off at a residence due to customer nonpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Town incurs costs associated with outstanding balances on utility accounts that are not paid in a timely manner, and it is in the best interest to charge the property owner who does not comply with the terms of payment, rather than to spread those costs to all of the rate payers of the water system; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Town of Galena to adjust the fees for nonpayment and fire hydrant water filling charges as set forth in Resolution 2022-05.

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Mayor & Council of the Town of Galena that effective January 1, 2025, in the event of an outstanding balance on a customer's account after 4:00 PM on the bill's due date, a late fee of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged to the outstanding balance regardless of current water connection, and shall be due upon receipt; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Mayor & Council of the Town of Galena that effective January 1, 2025, in the event of an outstanding balance on the customer's account past the due date, a monthly finance charge of an annual interest rate of **Sixteen Point Seven Percent (16.7%)** shall be charged to the outstanding account on the Sixteenth (16th) of each month; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it Resolved by the Mayor & Council of the Town of Galena that effective January 1, 2025, in the event of a request for collecting water from a fire hydrant that must be scheduled in advance with the staff of the Maintenance Department of the Town of Galena

for commercial use, an effective rate of Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00) per One-Thousand Gallons of Water (1,000) shall be paid before the collection of water.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR & COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF GALENA, MARYLAND

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Abstain: 0

ATTESTED:

Marisa R. Pisapia
Marisa R. Pisapia, Finance Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Thomas N. Yeager
Thomas N. Yeager, Attorney

APPROVED ON THE 4 DAY OF NOV, 2024
EFFECTIVE ON THE 1 DAY OF JAN, 2025
MAYOR AND COUNCIL, TOWN OF GALENA

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