

ORDINANCE NO. 916

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS ASSESSING THE COSTS TO COLLECT DEBTS OF THE CITY TO DEBTORS.

WHEREAS, the City of Meade is a tax funded entity and desires to mitigate the costs of collecting any outstanding debts to minimize the tax burden on it's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Meade wishes to assess the reasonable costs of collecting any debts to the debtor.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MEADE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall mean:

- a) "City" shall mean the City of Meade, Kansas.
- b) "Collection" shall mean the legal act of enforcing a debt.
- c) "Collection agency" shall mean an entity with which the City contracts for the collection of debt.
- d) "Debt" shall mean a financial liability or obligation owed to another.
- e) "Debtor" shall mean any person, corporation, partnership, association or business owing an outstanding debt.

SECTION 2. COSTS ASSESSED. Debtor shall pay any and all charges related to the reasonable costs of collections of any fine/fee/costs of services, as well as any costs/assessments for clean-up of the property for a City municipal violation that is the issue herein. This specifically applies to, but is not limited to, charges for water, trash, electricity, property code violation fines, parking tickets, municipal court fines, fees, court costs, interest accrued thereon, and any other debt due and owing to the City. 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 fee.

SECTION 3. UTILITY APPLICATIONS. The City shall include notice of this Ordinance in their Application for Utilities.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official City Newspaper.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2022.

JD HEGWOOD, Mayor

ATTEST:

JANET GLEASON, City Clerk

I, Janet Gleason,, City Clerk of the City of Meade, Kansas, hereby verify and state that the foregoing is a true and correct original ordinance; that the record of final passage is found on page ___, volume "___" of the journal; that is was published in the Meade County News, the official paper on _____, 2022.

Ordinance No. ___ Summary

On April 25, 2022, the City of Meade, Kansas, passed Ordinance No. 925. An Ordinance of the City of Meade, Kansas Assessing the Costs to Collect Debts of the City to Debtors. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at www.cityofmeade.org or in the office of the city clerk, 132 S Fowler, free of charge. This summary is certified by the city attorney to be legal, accurate and sufficient.

CLAY A. KUHN, City Attorney