AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE III, TITLE II OF THE FELTON TOWN CODE ("AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING THE HANDLING AND DISPOSITION OF GARBAGE, TRASH, AND RUBBISH, AND THE FEES THEREFORE") TO IMPOSE A $25 ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE TO COVER THE TOWN’S IN-HOUSE COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH DELIQUENCY

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED by the Town Council of the Town of Felton, a majority thereof concurring in Council duly met, that Section 6 of Article III, Title II Of The Felton Town Code ("An Ordinance Concerning The Handling And Disposition Of Garbage, Trash, And Rubbish, And The Fees Therefore") be amended by deleting Section 6 in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 6 – Any person or entity who fails to pay the trash collection charge assessed in accordance with Section 5 above (as said charge may, from time to time, be amended by resolution of the Town Council) by the 10th day of the month in which payment is due shall: (a) pay a late payment penalty of 2% per month of the amount due for each month or portion thereof that any amount (including outstanding late payment penalty and administrative charge) remains unpaid until paid in full and (b) an administrative charge of $25.00 to cover the town’s in-house administrative costs in connection with such late payment. Both the late payment penalty and administrative charge shall be assessed on the 11th day of the month in which payment is due if payment in full has not been received at the Town Hall by the close of business on the 10th day of that month (unless the 10th day of the month is a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the Town, in which case payment must be received at the Town Hall by the close of business on the next day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday in the Town). Inasmuch as Town trash collection charges are billed with Town water charges on one billing statement, not more than one administrative charge of $25.00 shall be assessed in the event that any amount of either the trash collection charges or water charges (including late payment penalty and administrative charges) remains outstanding as of the due date.
Synopsis

This ordinance amends the Town's Trash Collection Ordinance to provide that, in addition to the current late payment penalty of 2% per month on delinquent amounts, the Town shall assess an administrative charge of $25.00 to cover the town's in-house costs connected with such delinquency. This ordinance also effects a "house-keeping" change to reflect that bills are due on the 10th day of the month following the month in which the bill is sent. (The ordinance currently provides that a 2% late payment penalty will be assessed on all amounts not paid within 30 days). Where payment in full (including outstanding late payment penalties and administrative charges) is not received at the Town Hall by the due date, the late payment charge and the administrative charge of $25.00 is assessed effective the following day. However, because Town trash collection charges are billed on the same billing statement as Town water charges, only one $25.00 administrative charge is assessed, even if there are amounts due and owing for both trash collection and water service.

This shall certify that this is a true and correct copy of the ordinance duly adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Felton at a duly-noticed and convened meeting at which a quorum was present on __________th, 2007.

Attest:

Town Clerk

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Mayor

This shall certify that the title and synopsis of the foregoing ordinance was posted in three public places in the Town (including the Town Hall) on __________, 2007.

Date

Sarah Ferguson

Town Clerk

This shall certify that the complete text of this ordinance, and the effective date thereof was posted at the Town Hall and three other public places in the Town on __________, 2007, and that this ordinance shall become effective 7 days from the date of such posting.

So Certifies:

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Mayor