ORDINANCE 2023-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA; ADOPTING CHAPTER 34: REVENUE COLLECTION, TO TITLE III: ADMINISTRATION, TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANACES, AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER, CITY CLERK, CITY ATTORNEY OR THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED OFFICERS AND AGENTS TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES AND INTENT OF THIS ORDINANCE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

WHEREAS, the City of Sierra Vista is adding Chapter 34 to Title III: Administration, Sections 34.01 Definitions and 34.02 Collection Actions, and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, and CFO recommend that Chapter 34 – Revenue Collection, be adopted; and

WHEREAS, the amendments have gone through the 30-day public comment period and no comments have been received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, COCHISE COUNTY, ARIZONA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1

That Resolution 2023-004 is hereby reaffirmed and hereby adopted.

SECTION 2

All other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this provision are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3

Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions which can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SIERRA VISTA, ARIZONA, THIS 6th DAY OF APRIL 2023.

CLEA McCAA, ID

Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

NATHAN WILL City Attorney

PREPARED BY:

Sherry Kratchmer Collections Administrator

ATTEST:

City Clerk

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 34: REVENUE COLLECTION

§ 34.00 DEFINITIONS

Customer: A person, recipient or entity the City provides goods and/or services to.

Account: Any City service that generates a receivable and is collected from a

customer.

Delinquent: An account that is past due.

Collection Fees: City and collection agency fees, which may include but not limited to, penalty, interest, postage and filing fees.

§ 34.01 COLLECTION

The City shall make reasonable attempts to collect all money owed in compliance with City policy and procedure. If such attempts fail, the receivable may be sent for further collection efforts, such as being assigned to a third party, typically a collection agency. If an assignment occurs the customer will be responsible for any additional collection fees associated with such assignment.

The City reserves the right to assess collection fees for the receivable if payment is not received by the due date.