

RESOLUTION NO. 2867

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA
ENDING THE COLLECTION OF UTILITY DEPOSITS AND ESTABLISHING
LATE FEES, SHUT-OFF FEES, RECONNECTION FEES, METER TAMPERING
FEES, UNAUTHORIZED CONNECTION FEES, RETURN CHECK FEES AND
OTHER RELATED FEES TO BE CHARGED ON UTILITY BILLS**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COALINGA:

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga provides water, sewer, natural gas and sanitation services to the property owners, residents and business of the community; and

WHEREAS, a cost accounting analysis showed that it costs approximately \$12,000 a year to collect, account for and refund utility deposits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coalinga is collecting and maintaining deposits from utility customers that are paying their utility bills on time; and

WHEREAS, fees charged by the City of Coalinga for various utility services are based on the cost of providing service, which cost assumes timely payment by customers; and

WHEREAS, the City incurs costs associated in the collection of delinquent utility bills and in the process of terminating service and reconnecting service; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the collection of delinquent utility bills and the process of terminating and reconnecting service should be recovered by the City of Coalinga from those that incur the costs; and

WHEREAS, late fees, reconnection fees, return check fees and other fees may help reduce the number delinquent utility bills and the number of shut offs each month

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Coalinga, State of California:

Section 1: Delinquent Account Fees. The following fees are hereby adopted:

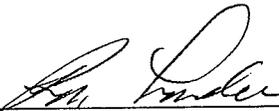
Late Fee	5% per month. Minimum \$2.50
Shut-off Notice Process Fee	\$10
Reconnection Fee During Business Hours	\$45 (Requested before 2:00 p.m.)
Reconnection Fee After Business Hours	\$105 (Requested after 2:00 p.m.)
Meter Tampering Fee	\$300
Unauthorized Connection Fee	\$300
Return Check Fee	\$25
Missed Appointment Fee After Second Time	\$20

Section 2: Deposits. The City Council hereby authorizes the staff to no longer collect deposits for City utilities and to credit any deposits at the City to the customer's bill.

Section 3: Charges for Time and Material. The City departments are hereby authorized to charge the responsible party for personnel, equipment, vehicles, materials, supplies and overhead for services provided by the City to repair or maintain city utility lines, mains, service lines, water meters, water meter boxes or other utility property that has been destroyed or damaged.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Coalinga on the 20th day of September, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: Balling, Davis, Pressey, Ramsey, Lander
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Ron Lander, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk/ Deputy City Clerk