

ORDINANCE NO. 1321-11

ORDINANCE OF FEES FOR INACCESSIBLE METERS

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Auburn, Illinois, after due deliberation, believe it to be in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Auburn to enact an ordinance regulating the accessibility to meters by City employees and utility workers; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Auburn to have the City provide reliable services and a more efficient and accurate meter reading process;

WHEREAS, inaccessible gates make it difficult for City employees and utility workers to perform their required jobs; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Auburn deem it necessary and appropriate to establish these regulations for the safety of City employees and utility workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND ORDAINED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Auburn, Illinois, as follows:

No person shall prevent free access to any meter at any time, or in any manner tamper with or injure such appurtenances.

Should any meter be inaccessible due to a locked gate, overgrown foliage and trees, yard debris, vegetation, construction materials, vehicles, vicious animals or any hazardous condition so deemed by the City Council, the property owner will be fined \$25.00 for each offense. Each attempt made by the City employee to obtain a reading is considered a separate offense.

A \$25.00 fine will be assessed for each time a city employee must return to the property to read or maintain the inaccessible meter and is prevented from performing their required job.

If necessary, parked vehicles over a meter may be cited and towed at the owners' expense.

If the fine for having an inaccessible meter is not paid within 60 days after the issuance of the fine, said charge is deemed delinquent and shall constitute a lien upon the real estate for which the fine was assessed. The lien shall be enforced by legal proceedings entitling the City to recoup its attorney's fees and costs.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of the ordinance are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions set forth in §2-48(b) of the Code.

Passed this 2nd day of May, 2011.