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Dear Fruitland City property owner,

Due to the increasing impediment to the efficiency of the City's Finance Department and its impact on the City's Public Works Department caused by water cut-off extensions, the following policy is now in effect:

1. As required by City ordinance 87, Section 203, **property owners** are responsible for payment of all water and sewer balances.
2. There will be **no water cut-off extensions granted**. Requests for extensions by property owners or rental companies will no longer be granted.
3. Payments received **after 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the water cut-off date** will have a \$25.00 administrative charge **and** a \$25.00 reconnect charge applied. The administrative charge will be assessed whether actually disconnected or not at time of payment. Payment must be posted to your account prior to the water cut-off date to avoid the associated charges.
4. **Full payment, including associated charges and interest, are required to be paid prior to water reconnection. No balances will be carried forward to the next quarter.**
5. **Water reconnects will only be conducted during the week day business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. No weekends, nights, or holidays.**
6. If water has been cut off for non-payment, and full payment has not been received by the City within **72** hours, then Section 108.1.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted by the City in Ordinance 262 will take effect. Property without water is subject to condemnation, which requires the property to be vacated. Prior to renewed occupancy, the water service must be restored and an inspection of the property by the City's Code Enforcement Officer completed. There will be a penalty of **\$500.00 per day for each violation** of Section 108.4 and 108.5 of this code prohibiting occupancy of a condemned structure.

The above policy, unfortunately, is necessary to address a minority who routinely cause an undue demand on the City's already stressed resources. To the majority who make their payments on time, the City is most appreciative. Thank you.