

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF ROCKWOOD TO
PROVIDE FOR COLLECTION OF WATER AND SEWER CHARGES FROM
PROPERTY OWNERS

BE IT RESOLVED, and it is hereby resolved by Rockwood Borough as follows:

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Borough Water Ordinance, initially adopted as Ordinance No. 95-3, and amended by various Ordinances, to specifically include Ordinance No. 97-2, provides that all fees and charges for the supply of water service are the ultimate responsibility and liability of the property owner, and that all remedies of collection shall be imposed against the owner of properties, regardless of whether service may be supplied to tenant, renter, lessee, or other occupant; and

WHEREAS, the Rockwood Borough Sewer Ordinance initially adopted as Ordinance No. 93-2 as amended by various Ordinances, to specifically include Ordinance No. 99-2, provides that all fees and charges for the supply of water service are the ultimate responsibility and liability of the property owner, and that all remedies of collection shall be imposed against the owner of properties, regardless of whether service may be supplied to tenant, renter, lessee, or other occupant; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent that tenants, renters, lessees, or other occupants of properties within Rockwood Borough have been failing to pay their water and sewage charges in timely fashions, and have also been failing to provide identification so that effective collection efforts may be made against such tenants,

renters, lessees, or other occupants; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by Rockwood Borough Council in the exercise of the powers and duties allowed it by the Borough Code, that it is advisable to adopt this resolution to establish a practice and policy for general administration of the water and sewer ordinances, to specifically emphasize that Rockwood Borough shall collect the fees for water and sewer service from the property owners and not from the respective renters, tenants, lessees or other occupants; and

WHEREAS, since it has become an unfair burden upon all customers of the Rockwood Borough water and sewer systems, who are bearing an unfair burden of all costs, because of the failure of renters, tenants, lessees or other occupants to timely pay water and sewer charges, Rockwood Borough Council has determined that it is in the best interest of all citizens of Rockwood Borough to strictly enforce the provisions of the Rockwood Borough Water Ordinance and Rockwood Borough Sewer Ordinance which are recited above.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved, and it is hereby resolved as follows:

1. Rockwood Borough Council does specifically find that it is in the best interest of all citizens of Rockwood Borough to enforce the provisions of the water ordinance and the sewer ordinance which provide that all water and sewer charges are the ultimate responsibility of, and shall be collected from, property owners, rather than from renters,

tenants, lessees or other occupants.


2. Rockwood Borough does hereby establish the practice and policy contained herein, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the cited water ordinance and sewer ordinance, that all water and sewer bills will be collected from property owners, and not from renters, tenants, lessees, or other occupants.

3. Regardless of the foregoing, Rockwood Borough shall honor authorizations duly given by property owners that bills be delivered, in addition to the owner, to a renter, tenant, lessee, or occupant, consistent with written authorization from the said owners, and subject to the provisions reenforced herein, that the property owner is ultimately and absolutely responsible for all water and sewer charges despite failure to pay same by renters, tenants, lessees, or occupants.

4. This practice and policy shall become effective with water and sewer bills to be imposed after the meter readings which are made in October 2006.

The above Resolution was duly adopted by majority vote at a regularly conducted meeting of Rockwood Borough Council on September 19, 2006.

I verify that the above is a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted September 19, 2006.



Jill Shultz, Borough Secretary