



## Town of Forest City

### Notice: Update to Utilities Policy

Adopted: October 18, 2010

- Current late fee of \$4.00 be replaced with \$6.00 or 1.5% of the past due amount, whichever is greater.
- Current reconnect fee of \$30.00 be replaced with a \$45.00 administration fee which covers any reconnects that take place **during** normal business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Monday - Friday)
- An additional \$75.00 After Hours Reconnect Charge will be assessed on any account that is reconnected **after** normal business hours (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Monday – Friday)
- Meter Tampering and Theft of Utilities:
  1. First case - \$45.00 Fine – Water or Electric; Meter is physically removed
  2. Second case - \$250.00 Fine – Water or Electric; Main Electric service line shall be disconnected and potential for police involvement.

\*Any past due amount and all associated fines and fees must be paid in full before services can be reconnected.

Meter tampering is defined by NC Law G.S. 14-151.1 as interfering with electric, gas or water meters; prima facie evidence of intent to alter, tamper with or bypass electric, gas or water meters; unlawful reconnection of electricity, gas or water; civil liability. This is punishable with up to a \$500.00 fine or two years in prison.