## **ORDINANCE NO. 2117**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-103A OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS, CONCERNING EMERGENCY UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS:

<u>Section</u> 1. Section 15-103A of the Code of the City of Kingman, Kansas, shall be created to read as follows:

"15-103A. EMERGENCY UTILITY PAYMENT EXTENSION. The City Manager shall have the discretion to allow utilities to remain in service or reconnected when a customer has a past due balance if the following conditions are met:

- (a) The customer must make a reasonable payment on his/her past due bill and agree to attend the next, regularly scheduled Utility Hearing.
- (b) At the Utility Hearing, the customer will work out a formal payment arrangement.
- (c) If the customer does not appear at the Utility Hearing, there will be no other extension given and regular disconnect policies shall apply.
- (d) If a customer fails to complete an emergency utility payment extension by not attending the Utility Hearing, the customer will not be allowed to use this emergency payment option for the next six (6) months, starting with the month after the failed extension.
- (e) The governing body finds that a "reasonable" payment will be at least 25% of the past due bill."

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the Governing Body and publication of a summary of the Ordinance in the official City newspaper with a copy of the original Ordinance posted on the City's website.

Approved and passed by the Governing Body of the City of Kingman, Kansas, this 26th day of October, 2023.

THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF KINGMAN, KANSAS

Adrian Harrel, Mayor

(Seal) Attest:

Cindy Confardy, City Clerk