

ORDINANCE NO. 1005

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHAPMAN TO CONTRACT WITH COMMERCIAL DEBT COLLECTION COMPANY.

It Is Hereby Ordained By the City Council of Chapman, Kansas, and The Following Is Hereby Passed and added as a new subsection number 1-118:

New Section 1.

1-118. Collection Of Debts By Commercial Firm Authorized.

A. The City of Chapman is authorized to contract with a suitable commercial debt collection company to collect debts owed the City of Chapman which have become delinquent and for which customary means of collection have not been successful. Any applicable deposit on account with the city, in the case of a utility account, shall be applied before sending the debt to a collections company.

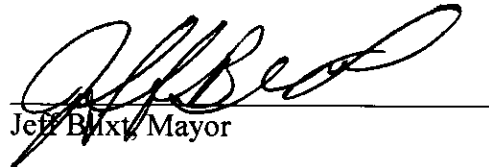
B. The debtor shall pay all reasonable costs of collections. Any debt which is chargeable against an individual, as allowed by law, may be sent for collections through a commercial collections company contracting with the City of Chapman, when reasonable efforts to collect it by the city have been unsuccessful.

C. Debts which may be collected through commercial collection may include, but are not limited to, any unpaid utility accounts, fees, membership fees, interest, and other costs of collection. The costs of the collection company shall be assessed against the debtor on the account and made part of the debt owed. Costs of collection may not include both attorney fees and collection company fees.

D. Collections for the Municipal Court may be handled by the same company and contract, but the provisions of 9-112 shall set applicable procedures for debts and restitution owed the municipal court.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force after its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

Reviewed and Approved by the Governing Body of the City of Chapman, Kansas on this 14th day of February, 2018.



Jeff Blum, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erin Tilton, City Clerk