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Trash and Utility Deposit

Due to some changes enacted by the legislature this year, I am recommending that the council make changes to the water deposit requirement in addition to cleaning the deposit wording up such that it is understood that the deposit is reflective for all utilities and trash service.

The first change is that we are now requesting a deposit that would cover 3 months of service for an average user in the Town of Yorktown. This is broken down by the various service territories that we have. Due to the practice of billing in arrears and not shutting people off until a past due time of 20 days, establishing the 3 month timeframe makes the deposit more likely to cover the entire bill should the bill payer not make the appropriate payments. This will now include the sewer charges and trash charges instead of one month water average.

In addition to increasing the deposit amount, I am also requesting that the deposit be maintained for 24 months vs. our current standard of 12 months. This extra time helps cover an area where we have been sending back deposits often to renters who then leave the town and fail to pay their last month's bill as their typical lease term is often a year.

The ordinance also memorializes the action of not requiring a new deposit for those individuals who move, but have not been delinquent, and it also allows them to move inside our service territory within that 24 months but not place a new deposit or start the clock over.

Pete Olson
Town Manager