

CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 2-410 Unpaid utility service charges; liens, assessments, collection.

(a) Unpaid charges for utility services, which shall include all penalties, interest, recording fees; other fees associated with collection of the account and amounts assessed for Notices of Violation and Compliance Orders issued by the Director of Utilities shall be a lien upon the premises as provided by the city charter. Whenever a bill for utility service remains unpaid for sixty (60) days after the due date, the city may file with the county recorder of Maricopa County, a statement of lien claim. This statement shall contain the legal and common description of the premises service, the amount of the unpaid bill, and a notice that the city claims a lien for this amount as well as for all charges for utility services provided subsequent to the period covered by the statement.

(b) The city shall mail a copy of the claim provided for in subsection (a) to the owner of the premises at the property address and at the address contained on the records of the Maricopa county assessor, if different.

(c) Property subject to a lien for unpaid utility service charges may be sold for nonpayment of same and the proceeds of such sale shall be applied to pay the charges after deducting costs, as in the case of foreclosure of statutory liens.

(d) The office of the city attorney is authorized and directed to institute such proceedings in the name of the city in any court having jurisdiction over such matters against the owners of any property for which utility service charges remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the due date.

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