

TOWN OF RIVER FALLS
ORDINANCE #2022-01
**Establishing a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the City of River Falls to Collect
Delinquent Utility Charges**

An Ordinance to create Section 3.11 of the General Code of the Town of River Falls.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Statutes authorize municipalities to enter Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreements to provide services to their respective residents; and

WHEREAS, the River Falls Municipal Utility provides utility services to some residents who own real estate in the Town of River Falls; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §66.0809(3) authorizes a municipality to collect delinquent utility charges by placing same upon the tax roll; and

WHEREAS, the Town, in anticipation of execution of one or more Municipal Cooperation Agreements (also known as "Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements") with the City of River Falls for the furnishing of utility services to Town residents;

NOW THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of River Falls does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 3.11 of the General Code of Ordinances of the Town of River Falls is hereby created to read as follows:

"Section 3.11. Delinquent Utility Charges. In any instance where the Town has entered into a Municipal Cooperation Agreement with the City of River Falls, operating through its Municipal Utility to provide utility services to real estate in the Town of River Falls, and where the Municipal Cooperation Agreement specifies the parties thereto desire to utilize the procedure authorized under Wis. Stat. Sec. 66.0809(3) to collect delinquent utility charges by placing same upon the tax roll, then on or before October 15 of each year, the owner or occupant of any real estate in the Town of River Falls that was provided with utility services by the River Falls Municipal Utility prior to October 1 of that year shall be given notice by said Utility of payments then in arrears. A list of affected parcels of real estate shall be provided at that time by the Utility to the Town of River Falls Treasurer. On or before November 15 of that same year, the Utility shall certify to the Town of River Falls Treasurer all lots or parcels of real estate (giving the legal description thereof) for which a notice of arrears was given by the Utility and for which arrears remain unpaid to that time plus any penalty being assessed, therefore. The unpaid arrears shall become a lien upon the lot or parcel of real estate to which utility services were provided. The Town of River Falls Treasurer shall, upon the receipt of such list, insert the delinquent amount and penalty as a tax against the affected lot or parcel of real estate. In all respects, Wis. Stat. Sec 60.0809(3) and (4), shall govern this process and shall serve to establish the responsibilities of the Town of River Falls

Treasurer with reference to tax collection, settlement with the City of River Falls (as representative of the Utility) and the return and sale of property for delinquent taxes.”

Section 2: This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Passed and adopted by the River Falls Town Board on January 17, 2022.

Diana D. Smith
Diana Smith, Town Board Chair

Sarah Meyer
Sarah Meyer, Town Clerk

I, the undersigned Town Clerk, hereby certify the foregoing Ordinance was posted in the following three public places in the Town of River Falls on 1/18, 2022.

Town Shop

Town Hall

Halverson Park

Sarah Meyer
Sarah Meyer, Town Clerk