

CITY OF RED BUD, RANDOLPH COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ORDINANCE NO. 1567

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE VII, CHAPTER 71 OF THE
CITY OF RED BUD CODE OF ORDINANCES 2021
PERTAINING TO UTILITY BILLING PROCEDURES**

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS,
THIS 5th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

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Randolph County, Illinois, this 6th day of January, 2026.*

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF RANDOLPH)

CERTIFICATION

I, Joanne Cowell, certify that I am the duly appointed municipal clerk of the City of Red Bud, Randolph County, Illinois.

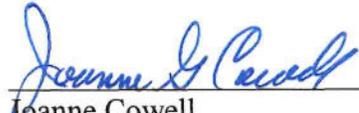
I further certify that on January 5, 2026, the Corporate Authorities of the above municipality passed and approved Ordinance No. 1567 entitled:

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Which, provided by its terms, that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The Pamphlet form of Ordinance No. 1567 including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance posted at the Red Bud City Hall commencing on January 5, 2026 where it will remain for at least ten (10) days thereafter. Copies of the Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the municipal clerk.

Dated at Red Bud, Illinois this 5th day of January, 2026.



Joanne Cowell
City Clerk

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WHEREAS, the City of Red Bud Code of Ordinances 2021 includes Title VII, Chapter 71 which involves City Utility Regulations, Rates, and Fees; and

WHEREAS, Title VII, Chapter 71, contains subsections which state the Billing Procedure for each utility, being Water, Electric, and Gas; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has passed the Local Government Billing Act; and

WHEREAS, the City of Red Bud has deemed it in the best interests of the City to amend the rules and regulations for Utility Billing Procedures.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED BUD, ILLINOIS, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the above recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance as though written herein verbatim.

SECTION 2: That Paragraphs (1) and (2) of Section 71-1(H) of Title VII, Chapter 71 of the City of Red Bud Code of Ordinances 2021 be repealed and replaced with the following:

(H) Billing Procedure.

(1) Procedure and Late Charges. All utility bills shall be rendered by the sixteenth (16th) day of each month at net through the last day of the month that billing was made. A penalty of five percent (5%) shall be added to all bills not paid by the last day of the month that billing was made unless good cause is shown by customer for late payment. (Receipt of Social Security on the third (3rd) day of the month by the customer shall be sufficient proof of a showing of "good cause".) If any bill is still unpaid by the fifth (5th) day of the month following the month of billing, a notice of intended disconnection shall be mailed to the utility customer. After such notice is mailed, any customer whose utility bill is still unpaid after five (5) additional days shall be considered delinquent and utility service to such customer shall be disconnected.

If the customer is not the owner of the premises to be disconnected, then a "Notice of Disconnection" shall also be mailed to the owner.

Payment arrangements are available for previously unbilled service. Customer may make periodic payments, without interest or late fees, over a time equal to the amount of time the billing was delayed.

(2) Late Billing Dates. Should the rendering of the monthly utility bills be delayed beyond the sixteenth (16th) day of a single month, the time of such delay shall be added to the normal time for the net payment of bills and before the time of the provisions for penalty and disconnection shall commence. The rendering of monthly utility bills shall not be intentionally delayed beyond the normal billing cycle.

All monthly utility bills shall clearly label amounts attributed to previously unbilled services and include beginning and ending dates for period during which previously unbilled amount was accrued. Makeup billing amounts shall be calculated on a prorated basis to reflect varying rates for previously unbilled service accrued over a period of time when rates for service have varied.

All monthly utility bills shall be rendered within twelve (12) months for residential customers or twenty-four (24) months for commercial customers after the provision of the utility service. Such time limits shall not apply in the following instances:

- (a) Customer prevented the accurate reading of the meter;
- (b) Unbilled service attributed to tampering, theft of service, or fraud;
- (c) Unpaid amounts were billed to customer prior to January 1, 2026 for services provided before January 1, 2026;
- (d) Customer was notified of unpaid amounts prior to January 1, 2026 for services provided before January 1, 2026.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance supersedes all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances adopted prior hereto that are in conflict herewith, to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council, signature by the Mayor, and publication in pamphlet form, as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this 5th day of January, 2026.

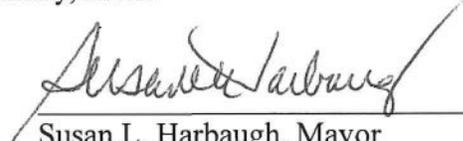
YEAS: B. Parsons, C. Guebert, B. Hanebutt, J. DeMond, R. Nevois, K. Donjon, A. Piel

NAYS: N/A

ABSTAINED: N/A

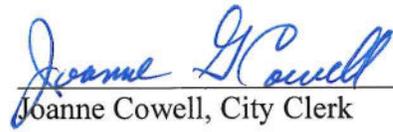
ABSENT: P. Mueller

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 5th day of January, 2026.



Susan L. Harbaugh, Mayor

ATTEST:



Joanne Cowell, City Clerk