INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Bwayne Smotherson

DATE: February 22, 2021

BILL NO. 9426

ORDINANCE NO. 7145

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 230.130 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, RELATING TO DELINQUENT REFUSE COLLECTION FEES, COLLECTION POLICIES, AND HEARING AND APPEAL

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. Section 230.130 of the Municipal Code of the City of University City, Missouri, relating to delinquent refuse collection fees, collection policies, and hearing and appeal, is hereby amended, so that Section 230.130, as so amended, shall read as follows:

Section 230.130. Delinquent Fees--Collection Policies--Hearing and Appeal.

A. The Director of Finance is authorized to establish collection policies for delinquent fees, penalties, and interest, including, but not limited to, payment plans and, if approved by the City Manager, the waiver of penalties and interest and amnesty programs.

Any owner who disputes the validity or amount of the fees or penalties charged under this Chapter may request in writing a hearing before the Director of Finance not later than ten (10) business days following the date of the notice of delinquency provided for in Section 230.140, which said notice shall also include notice of the right to a hearing. A hearing request shall assert specific grounds for review, and the Director of Finance shall hold a hearing within ten (10) business days following the date of the request. The Director of Finance shall render a decision on the appeal within fifteen (15) business days of the hearing. The Director of Finance's decision shall be in writing and supported by findings establishing the basis for the decision. Any person aggrieved by the final determination of the Director of Finance may file a petition for review pursuant to Chapter 536, RSMo., as amended, in the Circuit Court of the County of St. Louis. Such petition shall be filed within thirty (30) days of the Director of Finance's final determination.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 8th day of March, 2021.

ATTEST:

ITY CLERK

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT AS TO FORM:

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