ORDINANCE NO. 552

An ordinance establishing a new deposit fee for city utilities. This ordinance shall <u>repeal</u> the former utility deposit fee of \$75.00.

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Quinter, Gove County, Kansas:

SECTION 1. That any person or persons establishing new utility services and who will be responsible for the payment of the monthly utility bills, shall make a utility deposit of one hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$125.00). "Utility Services" is defined as the City of Quinter Water and /or Sewer service. There is no reduction in deposit for only using one of the two utilities.

SECTION 2. Returning a Deposit: (Water and/or Sewer) Deposits will be refunded to customers in good standing. Good standing means no late water or sewer payments during the most recent twenty-four (24) month period. The City shall retain five dollars (\$5.00) service charge under all circumstances. Interest earned on each deposit during the preceding year will be credited to each account by the end of January.

SECTION 3: When a resident or business relocates within the City's service area, previous account(s) must be paid, and deposit requirements met before water is turned on at the new location. Accounts and deposit requirements remain the landlord's responsibility until the renter(s) meets deposit requirements. Deposits, minus unpaid balances, will be refunded to customers when the account is closed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the Gove County Advocate, the Official City paper.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall repeal any past references to a water or sewer deposit.

Passed the Council August 14, 2023

Jeremy Blackwill, Mayor.

Attest: Marissa Haffner, City Clerk.