

CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 1000

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS, COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS, REGARDING CONTRACTED COLLECTION AGENCY SERVICES TO COLLECT DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS AND ACCESS COLLECTION COSTS AND FEES, STATE OF KANSAS SETOFF PROGRAM, DISTRICT COURT COSTS AND ADDITIONAL FEES.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COTTONWOOD FALLS, KANSAS:

Whereas, the City of Cottonwood Falls requires collections of debts and related fines, fees and costs associated with such collection. As accordance to K.S.A. 12-4119, the cost of collection will not exceed the amount permitted by state law, shall be paid by the debtor as additional court cost.

Whereas, the City of Cottonwood Falls will use a collection service and/or agency as decided by the Council members, City Attorney and /or City Clerk of Cottonwood Falls.

Whereas, the City of Cottonwood Falls can enter into agreements with the state to participate in a program that intercepts state payments owed to a debtor to satisfy the debt, the State of Kansas Setoff Program. As accordance to K.S.A. 75-6204, statue grants authority to set off debts against debtors and allows municipalities to enter into agreements to participate in the Setoff Program.

Whereas, for certain debts, like unpaid special assessments, the City of Cottonwood Falls can pursue legal action in district court to collect the debt. As accordance to K.S.A. 12-1115, this statue allows cities to bring a debt in district court for certain unpaid special assessments.

PASSED AND **APPROVED** by the Governing Body of the **City of Cottonwood Falls**, this 20th day of October 2025.

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William C. Sisson, Mayor

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