City abolishes minimum water billing

The city of Farmington is giving the little guy a break while cracking down on delinquent commercial wa-

down on delinquent commerçial water users.
Under a new ordinance introduced by city council Monday, June 16, Farmington homeowners using small amounts of water – typically senior citizens and single residents — will get a break on their water bills with the abolishment of tectlys minimum water billing. The minimum billing of \$17.60 would be replaced with a minimum meter and service charge of \$4.40. In addition, commercial customers who allow water bills to become delinquent, forcing the city to place

delinquent, forcing the city to place them on city tax rolls for collection,

Surgery center planned

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Dr. Stuart Hamburger, chairman of the hospital's Department of Surgery, and Dr. Ell Brown, chairman of the hospital's Department of Anesthesiology, will be responsible to coordinating the medical services for the center.

laser treatments as does Sinal Hospital, Sinal Health Service's largest af-

would face an administrative charge as well as delinquent fines under the new ordinance.

Increased fines would also be levilled to the second of the second fines where the second control of the second control would be charged from \$16 to \$25.

Under the ordinance, City Treaswer accounts would be granted the authority to walve the usual percent penalty charge for "extenualing circumstances" once during a two-year period, Previously, these penalties could not be waived for any reason.

ALTHOUGH THE city of Detroit, which provides water and sewerage

Yee is the architectural firm designing the facility.
"Outpatient surgery drastically cuts health care costs while providing an excellent source of surgical care," said Irving Shapiro, executive vice president of Sinai Health Services.

vices.

"This new ambulatory center will enable us to continue our longstanding tradition of providing the highest quality of outpatient surgery in an area where many of our patients."

live."
Other Sinai Health Services affiliates are the Nathan I. and Betty Goldin Health Care Center in West Bloomfield, which opened in 1934, and the Samuel and Lillian Hechtman Center in Bligham Farms, slated to open in the fall.

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A new fine of \$25 would be charged for placing past due water bills on local tax rolls. Previously, the city charged nothing, thus not recovering its costs in personnel, billing and mailings, Deadman said.

"This charge may remove some of the incentive of customers permiting these delinquent with position of the incentive of customers permiting these delinquent with position of the incentive of customers permit on the incentive of customers permit on the incentive of the incent number large enough to generate payment."

IT PREVIOUSLY cost commer-cial customers \$2 and \$11 to turn water service back on during regu-lar business hours and after hours, respectively. Under the new ordi-nance, it will cost these customers \$20 and \$50 to cover the city's costs. The changes affect only those cus-

Farmington

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temers who allow their water payments to go delinquent, forcing the city to shut off service.

The adjustments and change in minimum billings were proposed during the formulation and preview of the recently adopted city budget.

The changes would provide the city with the same total revenue in the Water and Sewer Budget, according to budget notes.

"The assumption used in this budget is based on the system's past.

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Variance is granted

Sinai Health Services, through a subsidiary corporation, will begin construction in July of the Sinai Surgery Center of Farmington Hills, an out-patient surgery facility on Orehard Lake Road, north of 12 Mile. Slated to open in the summer of 1987, the center will provide services in many specialites including synecology, ears/nose/threat, urology, optithalimology, dermatology, as well as cosmotte and reconstructive, dental and oral, orthopodic, general and pedilatric surgery. The center will offer a range of state-of-the-art

dom. Lot of property at 28284 Freedom. Applicant John VanWingerden's property runs along the rear tot line of the Hillview subdivision, and his proposed fence would include approximately 3½ lots, according to Earl Billing, the city's director of public services. VanWingerden is proposing a standard 4-foot chain link fence be installed on the tot line. According to elty ordinance, the property owners in the subdivision could install a fence in the same area without variations.

A variance to Farmington's fence ance because it is their rear let line, ordinance was granted Monday, The applicant, however, must get a June 16, for property at 26264 Freedom.

Applicant John VanWingerdon's

Administrative and operational systems will be developed by Sinai's Ambulatory Health Services division. Harley, Ellington, Pierce and



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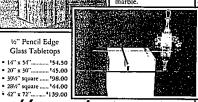
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