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ORDINANCE NO. 1762

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER ADMINISTRATION; ADDING A NEW SECTION REQUIRING WATER METERS TO DETERMINE WATER CONSUMPTION AND MAKING RELATED CODE CHANGES FOR TYPES OF USE CLASSIFICATIONS; ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.08.015, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.11.050, 13.11.060, 13.11.130, 13.11.140, SUBSECTION 13.16.010(A), AND SUBSECTION 13.17.020(A) OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department has suggested that certain changes be made to the utility provisions of the Redmond Municipal Code in order to streamline utility administration; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new section 13.08.015 is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

13.08.015 Meters Required.

A. Each separate structure or use shall be served through at least one water meter to determine the water consumption. The following structures or uses do not need to be separately metered but may be combined with other metered structures or uses as described.

- (1) Accessory buildings associated with single family dwelling units, including garages, greenhouses, cabanas, workshops and similar structures not used

for sleeping, cooking or other residence-specific functions may be combined with the associated single family structure.

- (2) Individual mobile homes in a mobile home park may be combined except that not more than twenty (20) units shall be served by a single meter.
- (3) Restroom and accessory facilities serving a public park may be combined with other metered uses.
- (4) "Portable" classroom buildings at a school may be combined as a single metered use but shall be separately metered from other primary structures.

- B. Landscape irrigation systems shall be separately metered, except those installed at a single family residence, or those installed at other use classifications where the use is served through a water meter less than one inch in size. At the option of the owner, the meter may be city owned or it may be a customer owned exempt meter as provided in section 13.08.040.
- C. Service to the residential units of a mixed use structure shall be served through a separate meter if there are more than two residential units.
- D. Facilities which are owned and operated by the Water Utility are exempt from these requirements.

Section 2. Section 13.11.050 of the Redmond Municipal

Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.050 Distribution of funds received.
All funds received in payment of water or sewer charges imposed pursuant to this chapter shall be considered revenue of the city water

and sewer utility in the form of a contribution-in-aid-of-construction, provided that charges collected pursuant to a reimbursement agreement shall be reimbursed in accordance with the terms of said agreement.

Section 3. Section 13.11.060 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.11.060 Calculating and setting general connection charges. The amount of the water and sewer general connection charges shall be established by resolution or ordinance of the City Council. In establishing the amount of the charges, the City Council shall consider the costs which have been incurred to design, construct and install the city's sewer and water systems, together with any other relevant information, and shall determine the amount of charges which will result in the payment of an equitable share of the costs of such systems by those property owners desiring to connect to such systems. The amount of the charges shall be reviewed by the utility not less frequently than in January of odd numbered years. Based upon these periodic reviews, the utility shall make a written recommendation to the City Council upon the need for revision of the charges.

Section 4. Section 13.11.130 of the Redmond Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

13.11.130 Connection charge computations. Applications for connection to the water and sewer system shall be made to the utility on a printed form furnished for that purpose, and the utility shall calculate the applicable charges imposed pursuant to this Chapter.

Section 5. Section 13.11.140 of the Redmond Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

13.11.140 Failure to pay connection charges. Any person connecting to the city water system or city sewer system shall pay all appropriate charges imposed pursuant to this Chapter. In the event that a connection is made to the

city water or sewer system without payment of all appropriate charges through (1) mistake by the city in calculating the appropriate charges, (2) the city calculating the charges using incorrect information given by the applicant, or (3) by a person connecting to the system without payment of any fees because of not obtaining proper approvals or permits, the difference between the amount paid and the appropriate charges shall be due and payable immediately upon notice from the city to the property owner that charges are owing. Any charges not paid within thirty (30) days after the date of the notice shall be considered delinquent. Delinquent charges shall be processed in accordance with RMC 13.17.080.

Section 6. Subsection 13.16.010(A) of the Redmond

Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

13.16.010 Definitions.

A. Use Classifications.

(1) **Single-Family Residential.**
Single-family residential shall include:

- a. One single-family dwelling served by a single meter, or
- b. One single-family dwelling which includes an accessory dwelling unit within the dwelling, served by a single meter, or
- c. One common wall single-family unit served by a single meter.

Accessory single-family structures including but not limited to, garages, greenhouses, cabanas, workshops with plumbing, etc., shall be

incidental uses to single-family residential and shall not cause a change in classification to multi-family residential or commercial.

(2) Multi-family Residential. Multi-family residential shall include:

- a. A duplex, triplex, four-plex, or multi-unit apartment or condominium building, or
- b. Two or more single-family dwellings or common wall single-family residential units served through a single meter, or
- c. One or more units in a mobile home park served through a single meter, or
- d. Laundry buildings, recreation buildings and other accessory buildings in multi-family residential developments including associated pools and spas, or
- e. Boarding homes, group homes, and retirement homes not including convalescent centers or nursing homes.

(3) Commercial. Commercial shall include all uses not classified as single-family residential, multi-family residential, or irrigation, and shall include, but not be limited to, structures used for retail

sales, offices, manufacturing, schools, convalescent centers and nursing homes. Mixed use structures with both the commercial and residential uses served by a single meter shall be classified commercial. Mixed use structures with the commercial and residential uses served by separate meters shall be classified multi-family and commercial as appropriate for the separate parts.

(4) Irrigation. Irrigation shall include meters installed which serve primarily landscape irrigation systems and include city owned meters which directly connect to the city water system (water only) or privately owned meters located downstream of a city owned meter (exempt meters). Meters which serve park properties, golf courses, commercial nurseries or agricultural uses shall be classified as irrigation except for meters which serve only non-irrigation uses. Exempt meters which serve uses other than landscape irrigation systems shall also be considered irrigation and shall not be considered commercial.

(5) Hydrant Use.

a. Type "A" hydrant use shall include the connection to a hydrant with hose or piping one-inch and smaller in size for short term construction and demolition activities.

- b. Type "B" hydrant use shall include the connection to a hydrant to fill water carrying trucks used for construction, street cleaning, parking lot cleaning, landscape spraying and other similar uses.
- c. Type "C" hydrant use shall include the connection of hose or piping larger than one-inch and any other uses not classified Type "A" or Type "B." Type "C" hydrant uses shall be metered.

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Section 7. Subsection 13.17.020(A) of the Redmond Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

13.17.020 Billing.

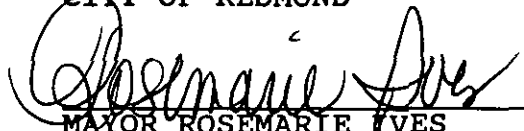
- A. Billing for single family residential shall be bimonthly. Billing for multi-family residential, commercial and irrigation shall be monthly, except that multi-family residential, commercial and irrigation may be billed bi-monthly for isolated uses located within single-family areas. Billing dates may be staggered throughout the month and billing dates shall be established administratively by the Finance Director.

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Section 8. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such

invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

CITY OF REDMOND

MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, DORIS SCHAIBLE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

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