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Partial payments on utility billings credited to charges imposed and impose fee for preparing and recording sewer liens

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ORDINANCE NO. 1213

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.16.125 TO THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A METHOD BY WHICH PARTIAL PAYMENTS MADE ON UTILITY BILLINGS WILL BE CREDITED TO CHARGES IMPOSED, AMENDING SECTION 13.16.130 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO IMPOSE A FEE TO COVER ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF PREPARING AND/OR RECORDING SEWERAGE LIENS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined the necessity of establishing a method by which partial payments of utility billings received by the City shall be credited to utility charges imposed, and

WHEREAS, the City incurs administrative costs whenever a written sewerage lien is prepared and/or recorded pursuant to state statute, now, therefore

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

Section 1. A new Section 13.16.125 is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code to read as follows:

13.16.125 Partial Payments. Whenever any partial payment of a utility billing is received, the amount paid shall be credited to outstanding charges in the following order of priority:

- A. Taxes and Special Charges or Surcharges;
- B. Metro Charges;
- C. Charges imposed for Sanitary Sewer Service;
- D. Water Charges.

Section 2. Section 13.16.130 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.130 Failure to Pay Connection Fees-Liens-Administrative Costs.

A. Any person tapping into the city water system or the city sanitary sewerage system, other than under the supervision of the public works department and without paying the connection charges, inspection fees and permit fees required to be paid thereof, and any person turning on water service after the same shall have been cut off pursuant to Section 13.16.120 and without paying all delinquent charges together with the fee of ten dol-

lars specified in Section 13.16.120, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine therefor of not more than one hundred dollars or to imprisonment in the City Jail for not more than thirty days, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

B. All charges for water and sanitary sewerage service and all charges for turning water on after the same has been cut off, as herein provided, together with any penalties and interest that may be provided by ordinance, shall be a lien upon the property to which the water and/or sanitary sewerage service is furnished superior to all other liens and encumbrances whatsoever, except those for general taxes and local and special assessments. Liens shall be enforced by the City in the manner provided by law. In the event that the City shall prepare and/or record a written sewerage lien against the user's premises pursuant to state law, a fee of \$25.00 to cover the administrative costs of preparing and filing such lien shall be added to the delinquent charges.

C. The additional and concurrent method of enforcing the lien of the City for the delinquent and unpaid charges by turning off the water service from the premises to which water and sanitary sewerage services are furnished shall not be exercised after two years from the date of recording of the lien notice, as provided by law, except to enforce payment of six months' charges for which no lien notice is required by law to be recorded.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days after passage and publication by posting as provided by law.

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