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ORDINANCE NO. 1383

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTION 13.16.120 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE THE WATER SHUTOFF ADMINISTRATIVE FEES FROM \$10.00 TO \$25.00, IMPOSE AN EIGHT PERCENT PER ANNUM DELINQUENT CHARGE UPON UNPAID SEWER SERVICE BILLS AND CLARIFY BILLING PROCEDURES; ADDING A NEW SECTION 13.16.160 TO IMPOSE A \$10.00 PENALTY FOR CHECKS WHICH ARE RECEIVED BY THE CITY FOR WATER AND SEWER PAYMENTS WHICH ARE RETURNED UNPAID; AND AMENDING SECTION 13.16.120 TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE, DAILY FEE AND DEPOSIT FOR HYDRANT USE; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, the Redmond City Council finds that an 8% per annum delinquency charge for past due utility bills, an increase in hydrant fees and water shutoff fees, a clarification of water and sewer billing procedures and the imposition of a penalty for water and sewer payment NSF checks are warranted due to increasing utility service costs; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.16.120 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.120 Billing.

- A) Water meters of residential users shall be read bimonthly. Water meters of commercial and large users shall be read monthly. If, at the time of making a billing for a commercial or residential water user, the meter reading for the billing period shall not have been completed, the billing shall be the water consumption in the preceding billing period.
- B) Office buildings and commercial complexes, where the city is required to make only one periodic billing to the owner or his agent, shall be subject only to the rates set forth above and not to minimum charges based on the number of tenants, or principals, housed. Where such tenants or principals are billed on an individual basis, each party so billed shall be subject to the rates set forth above, including the minimum charge.
- C) Pursuant to a property owner's written agreement with the City, the City may forward all sewer and water billings to the tenant of the property. The property owner shall be responsible for all billings not paid by a tenant, including lien fees, delinquency charges and court fees. Special "final billings" will not be processed if a tenant vacates the property.
- D) All charges for water supplied and sanitary sewerage service furnished shall be due and

payable to the clerk of the City on the day stated in the billing statement. The City shall assess a delinquent charge of eight percent (8%) per annum on the outstanding balance of all sewer accounts and on the sewer portion of water and sewer accounts which are not paid within 60 days of the date of the billing statement.

- E) If any delinquent charge on a water service account remains unpaid at the close of business on the date shown on the water shutoff notice, a \$25.00 administrative fee shall be added to the account and water service shall be discontinued and the water shut off after giving such notice as may be required by Water Department shut-off policy. Service will not be resumed until all delinquent charges shall have been paid by the water user, including the administrative fee. Any meter shut off due to nonpayment of a utility bill will not be turned on before eight a.m. or after four-thirty p.m., Monday through Friday.
- F) Any delinquent sewer charges shall be recorded as a lien against the property pursuant to RCW 35.67.200 and 35.67.210.

Section 2. There is hereby added to the Redmond Municipal Code a new section 3.16.160 to read as follows:

3.16.160 Returned Checks. Any person who submits a utility payment by check to the City pursuant to the provisions of this chapter shall be assessed a fee of \$10.00 if the check is returned unpaid by a bank or other financial institution for insufficient funds in the account or any other reason.

Section 3. Section 13.60.040 of the Redmond Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.040 Hydrant Use. The following rates are hereby established for use of any City hydrant:

- a) Hydrant Valve - Construction and Demolition: \$4.00 per calendar day, plus a \$20.00 administrative fee every month. A \$200.00 deposit shall be required.
- b) Hydrant Valve - Tree spraying, Parking Lot Cleaning, Other such uses: \$1.00 per calendar day, plus a \$20.00 administrative fee per month. A \$200.00 deposit shall be required.
- c) Hydrant Meter - A hydrant meter may be required as determined at the discretion of the Utility Manager. When a hydrant meter is required, the current commercial rate per 100 cubic feet shall be charged for water used and a \$20.00 administrative fee charged every month. A \$600.00 deposit shall be required.

Section 4. 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 5. This ordinance, being an administrative action, is not subject to referendum and shall take effect five (5) days after publication.

PASSED by the City Council on this 15th day of September, 1987.

*Doreen Marchione*  
DOREEN MARCHIONE, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

*Doris A. Schauble*  
DORIS A. SCHAIBLE, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

*Janey C. Martin*

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