

ORDINANCE NO. 936

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, RELATING TO UTILITY BILLING AND AMENDING SECTIONS 13.16.120, 13.16.130 AND 13.16.140 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1. Section 13.16.120 of the Redmond

Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"13.16.120 BILLING. All charges for water supplied and sanitary sewerage service furnished shall be due and payable to the Clerk of the City on the first day of each month as billed. Water meters of residential users shall be read bimonthly. Water meters of commercial users shall be read monthly. If, at the time of making a billing for a residential water user, the meter reading for the billing period shall not have been completed, the billing shall be the minimum water consumption for the period in which the billing is made and any charge for water consumed in excess of the minimum shall be included on the next billing. If, at the time of making a billing for a commercial 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. Charges for water and sanitary sewerage service furnished, if not paid by the twentieth day of the month billed, shall be considered delinquent. If the delinquent charges are still unpaid at the close of business on the tenth day of the next succeeding month, service shall be discontinued and the water shut off without notice. Service will not be resumed until all delinquent charges, together with a fee of ten dollars, shall have been paid by the water user. 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. 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.

Schools will be billed on the basis of the applicable rate, both for water and sewer, except that summer rates will be granted on the water/sewer rate schedule, based on an average of six winter months' usage."

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. 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 therefor, 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 dollars 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.

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. 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/or 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. Section 13.16.140 of the Redmond

Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"13.16.140 EFFECT OF BILLING. Billings will be made only in the name of the property owner of residential premises to which water and/or sanitary sewerage service is furnished. Billings made in the name of a tenant or other occupant of commercial premises shall not relieve the owner of the premises from liability for payment of charges for the furnishing of the water and/or sanitary sewerage service, nor in any way affect the lien rights of the City against the premises to which the services are furnished."

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force

and effect five (5) days after its passage and publication as provided by law.

CITY OF REDMOND

Christine T. Himes
MAYOR, CHRISTINE T. HIMES

August 12, 1980

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, PAUL F. KUSAKABE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

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