

ORDINANCE NO. 2339

AN ORDINANCE adding a new section to Chapter 13.64 of the Camas Municipal Code by adding procedures for the adjustment of sewer charges due to broken water pipes for non-residential customers, and amending Section 13.44.030 of the Camas Municipal Code by deleting from said section procedures for a sewer credit on commercial property for broken water pipes.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMAS DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

There is hereby added to Chapter 13.64 of the Camas Municipal Code a new section to provide as follows:

13.64.030 - Adjustment for Broken Water Line

Non-residential customers may apply for a reduction in sewer charges when, due to a broken water line on the customer's premises, the sewer charge is substantially increased. The amount of the reduction shall be the difference between the average of the two prior sewer billings and the current sewer billing.

Eligibility for the adjustment provided herein shall be contingent upon repair of the broken water line as provided for in Section 13.44.030, Camas Municipal Code. Any adjustment allowed shall be limited to a maximum of two billing periods.

Section II

Section 13.44.030 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

13.44.030 - Adjustment for Broken Pipes

When a property owner, in any given billing period because of a broken water pipe on the owner's premises, has used, according to the meter, a quantity of water which is more than double the average amount of water used on such premises in similar billing periods in prior years, a written application may be made to the finance director, for a reduction in said billing. If the application states that there was a broken pipe on the owner's premises which caused the large consumption of water, upon verification by inspection by public works employees of such fact and it is established that such broken pipe has been repaired and approved by the director of public works, the finance director shall authorize a credit to such billing as follows:

Average water consumption will be determined by adding the consumption of the prior two billings and dividing by two. If the prior two months include summer months and there appears to be sprinkling occurring, then the average water consumption will be calculated on the two prior billings that did not include sprinkling.

The average consumption will then be deducted from the consumption which occurred at the time of the broken water pipe. The difference will be divided in half and multiplied by the current water rate to determine the credit.

The credit shall apply to a maximum of two billings and only up through the day of repair. No additional credit shall be given for a delay in repair of pipes beyond one billing period.

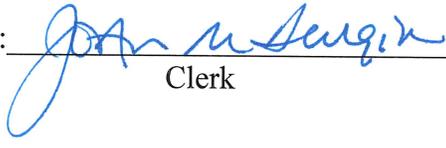
The reduction provided for by this section shall not be allowed if such excess water consumption is due to the owner's neglect or failure to repair the water system of the premises. A reduction shall not be permitted if such excess consumption is due to leaking faucets, other plumbing fixtures or irrigation systems.

Section III

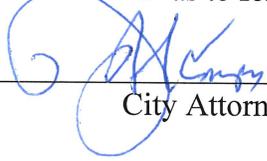
This ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED by the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2003.

SIGNED:   
Mayor

ATTEST:   
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

  
City Attorney