

ORDINANCE NO. 2444

AN ORDINANCE modifying miscellaneous fees for Water Department services.

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

Section I

Subsection 13.36.050(A)(2) of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follow:

CMC 13.36.050 Connection Charges:

A. 2. For installing a water meter for services one inch or smaller, the connection charge shall be:

5/8"	\$325.00
3 /4"	\$350.00
1"	\$395.00

Section II

Section 13.36.060 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

CMC 13.36.060 Temporary Water Service:

For temporary irrigation or commercial hydrant use, all connections shall pay an eight hundred dollar (\$800.00) deposit with one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for installation and removal nonrefundable. Water usage shall be deducted from the deposit of the then current applicable commercial rate per Section 13.36.010 of this chapter. The City reserves the right to remove the meter for nonuse or misuse at its discretion. Any remaining deposit will be returned to the applicant, or the remaining balance will be billed to the applicant. The applicant shall notify the City when use is complete. The applicant will be responsible for any damage to the equipment, and shall be invoiced for repairs or replacement of the equipment.

Section III

Subsection 13.40.010(G) of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

CMC 13.40.010 Meters-Installation-Reading-Accuracy.

G. When a customer requests a meter test, a deposit of ninety dollars (\$90.00) to cover the cost of the test may be required of the customer.

Section IV

Section 13.44.010 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

CMC 13.44.010

- A. All residential and most commercial water services shall be billed at regular intervals and shall be due and payable on the tenth day of each month following billing. Such billings shall be delinquent on the eighteenth day of the month following billing.
- B. All industrial and some commercial services shall be charged monthly and shall be due and payable on the tenth day of each month following billing. Such billing shall be delinquent on the eighteenth day of each month following billing.

- C. A customer shall be charged the sum of thirty dollars (\$30.00) for each nonsufficient fund check, or a check written on a closed account and returned by the bank to the City.
- D. There shall be a penalty fee on all delinquent accounts assessed at the rate of five percent (5%) of the outstanding balance with a minimum of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per utility account.

#### Section V

Section 13.44.020 of the Camas Municipal Code is amended to provide as follows:

#### CMC 13.44.020 Nonpayment-Shutoff-Hearing-Disconnection Fees

- A. Whenever any charge for furnishing water and/or sewer services to any premises is not paid in full by the eighteenth day of the month following billing, the Finance Department shall give notice to the person or persons billed for such services at the address shown in the City's billing records of the City's intent to discontinue service if payment is not made. Such notice shall contain the following information:
  - 1. The amount of the charges owing;
  - 2. A statement that the person billed may request a hearing before the Board of Adjustment to contest the amount or validity of the charges;
  - 3. A statement that if the charges are not paid in full or a hearing requested within ten (10) days of the notice, the City will disconnect the service of water to such premises;
- B. The notice of intent to disconnect shall also contain a request for hearing form to be utilized by any person desiring to contest the amount or validity of such charges. Any person desiring such a hearing shall file the request for hearing with the City Clerk within ten (10) days of the date of the notice, and shall accompany such request with a tender of the amount of charges billed. Failure to file a request for hearing and tender the amount of charges owing within such time limit shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.
- C. In the event the charges are not paid, or a hearing requested accompanied with a tender of the amount owing within ten days of the date of the notice, then the City shall cause to be posted on the property a written notice setting forth the amount of delinquent charges and informing the occupant that water service will be terminated to the premises if the delinquent charges are not paid within seventy-two hours. There shall be included in the delinquent charges a fifteen dollar (\$15.00) fee for posting the notice on the property. If the delinquent charges are not paid within seventy-two hours of the posting of such notice, then the City shall proceed to disconnect the water service to the subject premises.
- D. In the event a hearing is requested, the amount tendered by the customer shall be deposited into the customer account. At the hearing, the person requesting the hearing shall be entitled to give testimony, call and cross-examine witnesses, and present any relevant documentary evidence. Following the hearing, the Board of Adjustment shall render its decision in writing. If all or a portion of the charges are found not to be owing, such amount shall be refunded to the customer or credited to the customer's account.

- E. Whenever a disconnection is made, the sum of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) shall be charged for the cost of disconnecting.
- F. If service personnel is required to go to the premises for the purpose of disconnecting the service for nonpayment, the disconnection fee shall be charged even if the service has not been physically disconnected.
- G. There shall be an additional charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) for each time a service is found wrongfully or illegally reconnected after being disconnected for nonpayment.
- H. If a meter or spacer must be removed, padlocked, or other means used to prevent illegal reconnection of a service, then there shall be an additional charge of forty dollars (\$40.00) for removal of such meter or spacer.
- I. All disconnection charges and outstanding obligations for water and/or sewer furnished to such premises must be paid in full prior to reconnection.

Section VI

There is hereby added a new subsection to Section 13.44.020 of the Camas Municipal Code to provide as follows:

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- J. If a customer's meter has been turned off for nonpayment and the customer requests reconnection after the hours of 5:00 p.m. or on weekends and holidays, the customer shall be charged an additional turn-on fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00).

Section VII

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006.

SIGNED: Paul Davis  
Mayor

ATTEST: John M. Auger  
Clerk

APPROVED as to form:  
[Signature]  
City Attorney