

ORIGINAL

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 5501

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinances Nos. 2208 and 2909, as last amended by Ordinance No. 4364, regarding delinquent water and sewer charges; setting a fee for processing a final bill when a customer moves and the customer's account is closed; increasing the fees charged for tuning off and turning on service (cutoff charges), for late payment of bills, and for delivery of water shutoff notices; and authorizing the City Manager or his/her designee to adjust these fees and charges from time to time to reflect the actual cost of providing these services.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2208, as last amended by Ordinance No. 4364, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Whenever water service is discontinued under Section 2 above there shall be levied and collected the following cutoff charges, and payment of said charges shall be made along with all other delinquent charges, prior to restoration of service to the premises affected:

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| Charge for turn-off of water service |         |
| For meter sizes up to 3/4"           | \$20.00 |
| For meter sizes over 3/4"            | \$40.00 |

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| Charge for turn-on of water service<br>(during hours when City offices and<br>departments are open for transactions<br>of business) |         |
| For meter sizes up to 3/4"  | \$20.00 |
| For meter sizes over 3/4"   | \$40.00 |

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| Charge for turn-on of water service<br>(during hours when City offices and<br>departments are not open for transactions<br>of business) |         |
| For meter sizes up to 3/4"  | \$40.00 |
| For meter sizes over 3/4"   | \$80.00 |

Meters will be padlocked when a turnoff is a result of a delinquent account.

Section 2. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2909, as amended by Ordinance No. 4364, is hereby amended to read as follows:

a) A delinquent notice shall be mailed when a bill becomes delinquent. A \$10.00 late charge shall be added at this time.

b) For customers other than wholesale customers, a water shut-off notice shall be hand delivered to the service address if a bill is not paid within 50 days of original billing date. At the time such notice is delivered, a charge of \$10.00 shall be added to the account to partially offset the expense of delivering said notice. If payment is not received by the date on the hand-delivered water shut-off notice, disconnection of service will occur.

c) In the case of wholesale customers, if a bill is not paid within 50 days of the original date, interest will be charged at a rate of twelve percent annually on the balance which is 50 days old or older.

d) In enforcing its rights to payment, the Utility or the City may use the procedures under ROW 35.21.300 or any other remedy available under the law.

Section 3. A \$10.00 fee shall be charged for processing a final water, sewer and/or storm and surface water bill when a customer moves and the customer's account is closed.

Section 4. The City Manager or his/her designee may adjust the fees and charges established in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of this Ordinance from time to time to reflect the actual cost of providing the services described therein.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this 8th day of December, 2003, and signed in authentication of its passage this 8th day of December, 2003.

(SEAL)

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