

ORDINANCE NO. 4152-25

An ORDINANCE relating to due dates for utility billing, amending EMC 14.04.160, 14.16.650, 14.16.660 and 14.16.700.

WHEREAS,

- A. The City ordinances currently allow customers 15 days to pay monthly bills and authorizes utilities to shut off water services immediately after any account becomes delinquent.
- B. The City finds that these short deadlines may result in hardships on customers and therefore the City intends to extend the time for payment and further extend the time when delinquent accounts can be shut off.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF EVERETT DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. EMC 14.04.160 is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and strikethrough text deleted:

14.04.160. Billings.

All bills for sewage disposal service shall be rendered monthly and shall become due and payable at the office of the city treasurer on or before the twentieth day after date shown on monthly billing and ten days thereafter shall become delinquent.

Section 2. EMC 14.16.650 is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and strikethrough text deleted:

14.16.650. Monthly charges—Dates due and payable.

- A. All water accounts shall be sent a statement of charges on a monthly basis.
- B. All water accounts shall be due and payable not later than the twentieth day after the date shown on the monthly statement, and ten days thereafter shall become delinquent.

Section 3. EMC 14.16.660 is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and strikethrough text deleted:

14.16.660. Service shut-off and penalty for delinquent charges.

If payment for water charges shall become delinquent, and remains delinquent for 30 days, water service may be shut off from the premises of any owner, tenant or occupant of the same until all arrears have been paid together with the penalty charge for the expense incurred for processing, inspection, shutting off and turning on the service, in the amount established under the current water rates and charges schedule.

Section 4. EMC 14.16.700 is hereby amended as follows, with underlined text added and strikethrough text deleted:

14.16.700. Water service shut-off for nonpayment of sewer.

The utilities division shall have the right to discontinue water service to any premises which shall have

become delinquent and remains delinquent for 30 days in the payment of charges for sewer service provided to said premises by the utilities division and shall not be obligated to resume water service until such time that all sewer service charges together with arrears and penalty charges have been paid for the premises.

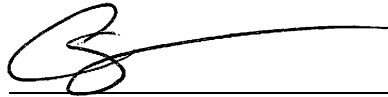
Section 5. The City Clerk and the codifiers of this Ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this Ordinance, including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any internal references.

Section 6. The City Council hereby declares that should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid for any reason, it is the intent of the City Council that it would have passed all portions of this ordinance independent of the elimination of any such portion as may be declared invalid.

Section 7. The enactment of this Ordinance shall not affect any case, proceeding, appeal, or other matter currently pending in any court or in any way modify any right or liability, civil or criminal, which may be in existence on the effective date of this Ordinance.

Section 8. It is expressly the purpose of this Ordinance to provide for and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the general public and not to create or otherwise establish or designate any particular class or group of persons who will or should be especially protected or benefited by the terms of this Ordinance. Nothing contained in this Ordinance is intended nor shall be construed to create or form the basis of any liability on the part of the City, or its officers, employees, or agents, for any injury or damage resulting from any action or inaction on the part of the City related in any manner to the enforcement of this Ordinance by its officers, employees, or agents.

Section 9. The effective date of this ordinance will be delayed until 90 days after becoming valid.



Cassie Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marista Jorve, City Clerk

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