



ORDINANCE NO. 4169-26

An ORDINANCE relating to due dates for utility billing, amending EMC 14.04.160, 14.16.270, 14.16.650, 14.16.660 and 14.16.700.

WHEREAS,

- A. Ordinance 4152-25 was passed on 12-17-2025 and revised the utility bill “payment due” date to on or before the twentieth day after the bill date. This corrected an inconsistency between the water bill and the sewer bill language on due dates.
- B. Ordinance 4152-25 also made additional changes to when a bill becomes delinquent and when a service shut off may occur due to nonpayment.
- C. Since the language included in Ordinance 4152-25 was adopted by amendments from the dais, it also included a provision delaying implementation for 90 days to provide time for staff to evaluate the changes and recommend improvements to the ordinance.
- D. The following amendments are recommended by staff.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF EVERETT DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1. EMC 14.04.160 is hereby amended as follows:

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 six days thereafter the account shall become delinquent.

Section 2. EMC 14.16.270 is hereby amended as follows:

14.16.270 Resuming Service.

Should it be desired to resume water service to a premises after the service has been shut off, a written notice by the owner or the owner’s authorized agent shall be given to the utilities division, after which the water shall be turned on, provided payment in full has been rendered to the utilities division for all arrears and past due charges against the premises and the owner thereof.

Section 3. EMC 14.16.650 is hereby amended as follows:

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 six days thereafter shall become delinquent.

Section 4. EMC 14.16.660 is hereby amended as follows:

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

If the account becomes delinquent, and remains delinquent for 21 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 5. EMC 14.16.700 is hereby amended as follows:

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 whose utility account has become delinquent and remains delinquent for 21 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 6. 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 7. 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 8. 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 9. 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.



Cassie Franklin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Marista Jorve, City Clerk

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