JM ORDINANCE NO. <u>286</u> 287

## CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WATER AND SEWER UTILITY CHARGES, AMENDING THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.16.080 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

and payable by the 10th of the month following the date of billing, which date of billing shall be the day as postmarked on the billing and mailed by the city. All bills remaining unpaid after the 10th of the month following the date of billing are to be considered delinquent and interest-at-the rate-ef-eight-(8%)-percent;-per-annum; a ten (10%) percent penalty shall be added to such billing.

Section 2. Section 13.44.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

<u>uance of services</u>. All bills for water services shall be due and payable by the tenth of the month following the date of billing, which date of billing shall be the day as postmarked on the billing and mailed by the city. All bills remaining unpaid after the tenth of the month following the date of

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billing are to be considered delinquent and interest-at eight-percent-per-annum a ten percent penalty shall be added to such billing. All bills shall be net billing and services shall be discontinued if not paid within fifteen days of the date of delinquency.

After being shut off for a delinquency, service shall not be resumed until charges have all been paid plus a turn-on fee of ten dollars.

Section 3. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, welfare and safety and shall take effect immediately upon its passage, and publication.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

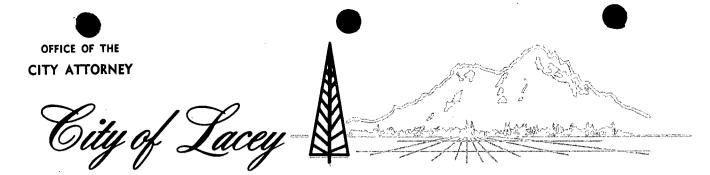
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NOTE TO CITY COUNCIL:

The reason you are being given a proposed amendment regarding utility charges is as follows:

Prior to the passage of Ordinance No. 276, our Code provided for a 10% penalty on water billings but no interest or penalty on sewer billings. In an attempt to make the provisions uniform for all utilities, we proposed and the Council passed, Ordinance No. 276 providing for 8% per annum interest on delinquent utility billings. Subsequent to the passage of Ordinance No. 276, it has been realized that it is not workable to compute an annual interest rate and add it to the next month's billing. Therefore, we have prepared an amendment which will provide for a 10% penalty on both water and sewer charges.

KENNETH R. AHLF Lacey City Attorney