

ORDINANCE 776

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO WATER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY, REPEALING SECTION 13.32.060 AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 13.32.060 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the city has, through the use of consultants, city staff and council review, conducted a comprehensive study of the city's water system, needed improvements to that system and the costs and benefits of said improvements, and

WHEREAS, said study and review have shown the need for substantial capital improvements to the city's water system and the city plans to make said substantial improvements over the next several years and provide for the financing of a portion of said improvements through the issuance of revenue bonds, and

WHEREAS, the study and review have shown that a large portion of the proposed improvements will be for the benefit of those customers located outside of the city limits of the city, and

WHEREAS, the city provides through its water utility for the repair, replacement and maintenance of fire hydrants both within the city and outside of the city and reimburses the costs of said services furnished within the city by payment from the city's Current Expense Fund and is in need of providing for the payment of said services for those customers located outside of the city, and

WHEREAS, although the city attempts at all times to make the water utility self-supporting, the utility does benefit by virtue of general expenditures within the city for administrative

and capital expenses of city government which are not offset by revenues from outside the city, and

WHEREAS, improvements to the water system result in a higher tax base for those properties served by the system; however, only that portion of the higher tax base of properties located within the city is of benefit to the city, and

WHEREAS, there has been imposed by the city a utility tax upon all water bills rendered to customers within the city; however, no such tax has been levied by the city on water customers located outside of its boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the city council has taken into account all of the factors set forth in the above recitations as well as other relevant factors and has determined that there is a reasonable difference from a cost, revenue and benefit standpoint between those water customers located within the city and those located outside of the city; now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.32.060 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new section, 13.32.060, to read as follows:

"There shall be added to the water utility bills computed in accordance with Section 13.32.020 or Section 13.32.030 a sum equal to the following percent of the total bill for all customers of the water utility system located outside of the corporate boundaries:

"A. For water utility services rendered after October 1, 1986, and prior to October 1, 1987, 25 percent.

"B. For water utility services rendered after October 1, 1987, and prior to October 1, 1988, 35 percent.

"C. For water utility services rendered after October 1, 1988, 50 percent.

"The amount so determined shall be in addition to the amount of the bill computed in accordance with Section 13.32.020 or Section 13.32.030."

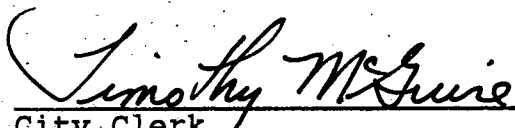
Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective on October 1, 1986, and shall apply to water utility services rendered subsequent to said effective date.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, this 24th day of April, 1986.

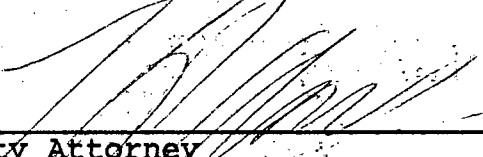
CITY COUNCIL

By   
Mayor

Attest:

  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

  
City Attorney

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