

ORDINANCE 920

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE BILLING AND PAYMENT OF CITY UTILITY CHARGES, REPEALING SECTION 13.44.030 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 13.44.030 TO SAID CODE

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

Section 1. Section 13.44.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 2. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new section, 13.44.030, to read as follows:

"Billing and Payment of Utility Charges--Penalties--Discontinuance of Services. A. The city shall bill monthly for water, sewer and storm and surface water utility charges. Billings for those utilities or customers requiring meter reading may be billed on the basis of estimated charges provided that on every second month all billings shall be based upon actual readings and appropriate adjustments shall be made.

"B. All charges for utility services shall be due by the due date set forth on the billing, which date shall be approximately 19 days after the date of said billing. Any billing which has not been paid in full by the due date specified, shall be considered to be delinquent. A ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to delinquent accounts and a penalty notice mailed by the city. If payment of all delinquent utility charges and penalties is not received by the city within 36 days after the service charges were first billed, water services to the premises shall be discontinued.

"C. After water services have been shut off because of a delinquency in paying utility charges, service shall not be resumed until all charges, penalties and service fees have been paid. Service fees shall include a fee for each service trip which has been made to the premises relative to the delinquent charges at rates established by resolution of the city council.

"D. If a trip is made by service personnel to the premises of a customer for the purpose of shutting off services due to delinquency, and the customer wishes to pay the delinquent bill and delinquency penalty at that time, a service fee for said trip at rates established by resolution of the city council shall be assessed. If the delinquent charges, penalty and such service fee are paid at the time, the water service shall not be discontinued."

Section 3. This ordinance shall govern the procedures to be followed by the city and the due dates for utility billings rendered commencing in March, 1988. All procedures and due dates for those utility charges billed by the city prior to March, 1988, shall continue to be governed by the provisions of Section 13.44.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code as it existed prior to its repeal by this ordinance.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,
WASHINGTON, this 14th day of January, 1988.

Attest:

CITY COUNCIL

Timothy McGuire
City Clerk

By Kay M. Boyd
Mayor

Approved as to form:

[Signature]
City Attorney

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