

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2274

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2208 regarding delinquent water and sewer charges; providing for the discontinuance of water service for failure to pay storm and surface water utility service charges; and authorizing the establishment of departmental rules and regulations regarding billing, collection and enforcement of said charges.

WHEREAS, Chapter 35.67 of the Revised Code of Washington defines "System of sewerage" as:

- (1) Sanitary sewage disposal sewers;
  - (2) Combined sanitary sewage disposal and storm or surface water sewers;
  - (3) Storm or surface water sewers;
  - (4) Outfalls for storm or sanitary sewage and works, plants, and facilities for sanitary sewage treatment and disposal, or
  - (5) Any combination of or part of any or all of such facilities;
- and

WHEREAS, the City desires to collect delinquent payments for storm and surface water sewer utility charges incurred prior to May 1, 1976; now therefore

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of Ordinance No. 2208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The term "Waterworks Utility" whenever used herein shall mean the combined municipal water system and sanitary sewerage system of the City of Bellevue, together with all additions thereto and betterments and extensions thereof hereafter made.

The term "Storm and Surface Water Utility" whenever used herein shall mean the storm and surface water sewer utility of the City of Bellevue as established by Ordinance No. 2003, as now or hereafter amended, together with all additions thereto and betterments and extensions thereof hereafter made.

Section 2. Section 2 of Ordinance No. 2208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Waterworks Utility, by and through its appropriate administrative officials or the appropriate administrative officials of the Finance Department of the City, may refuse or discontinue water service to any customer who fails to pay, when due, any bill for water consumption and/or service charges or sewer service and/or connection charges and, when so requested by the Storm and Surface Water Utility, acting through its appropriate administrative officials, may refuse or discontinue water service to any customer who fails to pay, when due, any bill for storm and surface water sewer utility service charges, all as authorized by the provisions of RCW 35.21.290, 35.21.300, and 35.67.290.

Payment of delinquent sewer service, connection and penalty charges and delinquent storm and surface water utility service charges, may also be enforced as provided under RCW Chapter 35.67 .200 through .280, and all such charges enforced thereunder shall bear interest at a rate of eight percent annually from day of delinquency.

The enumeration hereunder of specific remedies is not by way of limitation, and the Waterworks Utility, Storm and Surface Water Utility, and Finance Department are hereby authorized to employ all methods allowed by law for the collection of delinquent charges of all types.

Section 3. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Whenever water service is discontinued under section 2 above there shall be levied and collected the following cutoff charges, and payment of said charges shall be made along with all other delinquent charges, prior to restoration of service to the premises affected:

Charge for turn off of water service	\$ 5.00
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Charge for turn on of water service (during hours when City offices and departments are open for transactions of business)	5.00
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Charge for turn on of water service (during hours when City offices and departments are not open for trans- action of business)	10.00
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Section 4. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2208 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The City's Department of Utilities and Department of Finance shall have the authority, acting on behalf of the Waterworks Utility, to jointly establish rules and regulations governing the billing, collection and enforcement of water consumption and service charges, sewer charges, street light charges, and other charges which may be made by the Waterworks Utility.

The Storm and Surface Water Utility, acting through its appropriate administrative officials, and the Department of Finance shall have the authority to jointly establish rules and regulations governing the billing, collection and enforcement of storm and surface water utility service charges.

The Finance Department of the City shall be responsible for the administration and enforcement of all such rules and regulations.

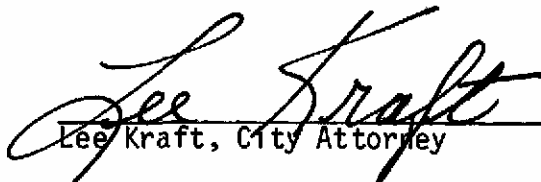
Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days after enactment by the City Council.

PASSED by the City Council this 15 day of December, 1975 and signed in authentication of its passage this 15 day of December, 1975.

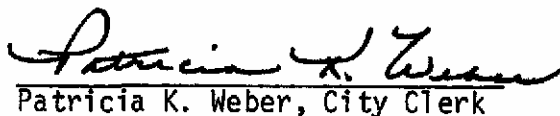
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Richard M. Foreman, Mayor

Approved as to form:

  
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Attest:

  
Patricia K. Weber, City Clerk

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