

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2809

AN ORDINANCE relating to the Bellevue Waterworks Utility and the Bellevue Storm and Surface Water Utility; increasing water turn-off and turn-on fees and granting the Finance Director authority to refer certain utility accounts to a collection agency and write-off certain utility accounts; and amending Sections 3 and 4 of Ordinance No. 2208, as last amended by Ordinance No. 2274; and amending Section III(g), Water System Code and Regulations, adopted by Ordinance No. 2415.

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

Section 1. Section 3 of Ordinance No. 2208, as last amended by Ordinance No. 2274, is hereby further 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 for water service	<u>\$10.00</u>
Charge for turn-on of water service (during hours when City offices and departments are open for transactions of business)	<u>\$10.00</u>
Charge for turn-on of water service (during hours when City offices and departments are not open for transactions of business)	<u>\$20.00</u>

Section 2. Section 4 of Ordinance No. 2208, as last amended by Ordinance No. 2274, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

The City's Department of Public Works and 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 3. The Finance Director or his authorized representative shall have the authority to refer delinquent accounts of the Waterworks Utility and the Storm and Surface Water Utility to an agency for collection and to write-off accounts that are over three years old in an amount not to exceed \$250 per account. This write-off option shall be utilized only after it has been determined by the Finance Director that the account is uncollectable and is not referable to a collection agency.

Section 4. Section III(g), Water System Code and Regulations of the City of Bellevue Waterworks Utility, adopted by Ordinance No. 2415, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (g) **TURN-OFF AND TURN-ON CHARGES:** Whenever the City is required to disconnect and/or lock an authorized water service for any reason other than delinquent water and/or sewer charges, there shall be a charge of \$10.00 for said service. There shall also be a \$10.00 charge for turning on a meter. A charge of \$20.00 shall be made for turn-on of water after regular business hours.

Turn-off and turn-on charges relative to delinquent water and/or sewer charges shall be as set forth in City Ordinance No. 2208, as now or hereafter amended.

Meters will be padlocked when a turn-off is a result of a delinquent account.

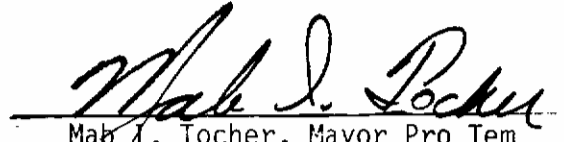
Section 5. The increases in fees set forth in Sections 1 and 3 of this ordinance shall take effect on May 1, 1980.

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Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

PASSED by the City Council this 11th day of February, 1980,
and signed in authentication of its passage this 11th day
of February 1980.


(SEAL)


Mark I. Tocher, Mayor Pro Tem

Approved as to form:


Lee Kraft, City Attorney

Attest:


Patricia K. Weber, City Clerk

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