

ORDINANCE NO. 2321

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.16.050, 13.16.060, AND 13.17.050 OF THE REDMOND MUNICIPAL CODE AND AMENDING ORDINANCES 2236 AND 1682, SUPPLEMENTAL WATER AND SEWER CHARGES, ADJUSTMENTS, AND RETURNED PAYMENTS, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATES.

WHEREAS, there are clarifications needed to help in the administration of the Low Income Senior Citizen and Low Income Disabled Citizen credit; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to set a rate for amendments; and

WHEREAS, methods to pay utility accounts include forms of payment in addition to paying by check that can not be honored by the bank or financial institution;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.16.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code also being Section 3 of Ordinance 2236 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.16.050 Supplemental Water and Sewer Rates and Charges. The following supplemental water and sewer rates and charges shall be in addition to or a reduction to other water and sewer rates and charges as specified.

A. Low Income Disabled and Low Income Senior Citizen Credit. A "low income disabled citizen" or "low income senior citizen" credit of 50 percent of monthly water, sewer, King County Wastewater Treatment, and storm drain charges shall be allowed to persons who make application therefor to the City and who qualify for such credit. For the purposes of this section: "low income senior citizen" means a person who has attained the age of 62 years and whose total income from all sources, including that of his or her spouse, does not exceed the amount specified as

“very low income” in the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Section 8 programs, as now existing or as hereafter amended. For the purposes of the section: “low income disabled citizen” means a person whose total income from all sources, including that of his or her spouse, does not exceed the amount specified as “very low income” under the regulations of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Section 8 programs, as now existing or as hereafter amended, and who is (1) a person qualifying for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1)(a) through (f); or (2) a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020; or (3) a disabled, handicapped, or incapacitated person as defined under any other state or federal program. To qualify for either credit you must be a “low income senior citizen” or a “low income disabled citizen”; and you must reside in a living unit that has a use classification of single-family residential, and you must be the person or spouse of the person named on the billing statement. The credit shall only be allowed from and after the date that the person makes application and is approved for this credit. The City shall not be liable for the failure of any qualified person to make application for a credit and there shall be no entitlement to such credit in the absence of an application.

B. Outside City Surcharge.

1. Novelty Hill Service Area. There are no outside City surcharges for the Novelty Hill service area.

2. Redmond Service Area. Properties located outside of the corporate limits of the City in the Redmond service area shall be charged an “outside city surcharge” of 25 percent of the total water and sewer charges in addition to such normal rates and charges, except that the surcharge shall not apply to the King County Wastewater Treatment component of the sewer charges and except that the surcharge shall not apply to any water charges for those properties to which service is provided pursuant to the Rosehill Water District Assumption Agreement.

C. King County Supplemental Charges. King County supplemental charges shall be any special charge, surcharge, rate, or fee that is billed by King County and attributable to a single user for special services or treatment of high strength or special wastes.

D. Novelty Hill Service Area Depreciation Rate Surcharge. Within the Novelty Hill service area a depreciation rate surcharge shall be collected at the time of sale of water meters or

side sewer permits and shall be collected for each meter and side sewer connection. The charge shall be based on water meter size for all classes of use and shall be as follows:

1. Water.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$425.00
1"	1,065.00
1-1/2"	2,125.00
2"	3,400.00
3"	6,800.00
4"	10,625.00
6"	21,250.00

2. Sewer.

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Surcharge</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$325.00
1"	815.00
1-1/2"	1,625.00
2"	2,600.00
3"	5,200.00
4"	8,125.00
6"	16,250.00

For sewer connections that do not have a water supply, the Public Works Director or his/her designee shall establish meter size equivalent for the use.

E. Miscellaneous Service Fees. The Public Works Director shall establish regulations, procedures and fees for incidental services provided by the Utility for services, including but not limited to meter testing, exchanging, or removal; fire hydrant flow testing; the cross connection and backflow prevention program; customer service requests; final bill reading; sewer television services; system damage and vandalism; pre-treatment device inspections; water and sewer availability letters and certificates; construction stormwater discharges to the sanitary sewer; utility location requests; and other such services.

Section 2. Section 13.16.060 of Redmond Municipal Code also being a part of Section 6 of Ordinance 1682.

13.16.060 Adjustments. The Public Works Director together with the Finance Director shall establish regulations and procedures for making adjustments to the quantity of water and wastewater from which the commodity charges are calculated. These regulations and procedures shall establish the criteria to be used in consideration of an adjustment, the method to calculate the adjustment, the frequency that adjustments will be considered. The rate to be charged for the adjusted quantity of water for all classifications of accounts shall be the commodity charge for the lowest consumption range of the single family residential rate for the service area.

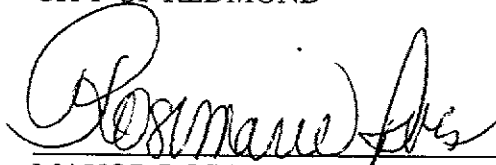
Section 3. Section 13.17.050 of the Redmond Municipal Code also being Section 7 of Ordinance 1682 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.17.050 Returned Payments. An account for which a payment for rates and charges for water, sewer, or stormwater services is made to the city and said payment is not honored by the bank or other financial institution because of insufficient funds or for any other reason, shall be charged an administrative fee in an amount as established by the Finance Director.

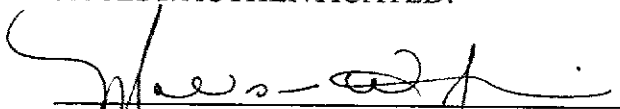
Section 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance, being the exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City's legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect and be in full force five days after its passage and publication of a summary as required by law.

CITY OF REDMOND


MAYOR ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


CITY CLERK, MALISA FILES

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

By: 

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK:	December 15, 2006
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SIGNED BY THE MAYOR:	December 19, 2006
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