

ORDINANCE 4211

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIRKLAND RELATING TO PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITIES AND AMENDING SECTION 15.20.020 OF THE KIRKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE.

The City Council of the City of Kirkland do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Section 15.20.020 of the Kirkland Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

15.20.020 Due date—Delinquency—Penalty.

All charges for utility services furnished by the city shall be due and payable to the city on the date shown on the face of the bill. Charges for services remaining unpaid at the close of business on the thirtieth day following the billing date shall be considered delinquent and automatically subject to an additional charge, as a penalty, of ten percent of the delinquent amount. Payments will first be applied to the oldest delinquent charges. Remaining funds will be credited first against current charges from the garbage utility, then against current charges related to the sewer system, and then applied to current charges from the water utility. If the delinquent charges and penalties are still unpaid at the close of business on the fortieth day following the billing date, the services shall be discontinued and the water supply shall be turned off at the meter. The water service shall not be restored until all charges, penalties and fees shall have been paid. The Finance Director is authorized, but not obligated, to waive all or a portion of the penalties provided herein in the event the director determines the late payment was the result of excusable neglect or extreme hardship.

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in force and effect five days from and after its passage by the Kirkland City Council and publication, as required by law.

Passed by majority vote of the Kirkland City Council in open meeting this 20th day of October, 2009.


Signed in authentication thereof this 20th day of October, 2009.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved as to Form:


City Attorney