Introduced by: City Manager Foley
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Action: Passed
Vote: 6-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #09-46

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL ESTABLISHING BILLING LIABILITY FOR THE REBUILDING OF GRINDER PUMPS

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel ("City") performs maintenance on grinder pumps used in providing a piped sewer utility;

WHEREAS, the City previously established charges for the repairs to grinder pumps that are directly attributed to customer negligence and not wear and tear;

WHEREAS, the repairs to a multi-dwelling unit such as a duplex or triplex require the involvement of a landlord to establish liability for repairs;

WHEREAS, the City has an interest in treating all citizens as fairly as possible;

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Bethel, Alaska; that:

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is permanent and general in nature and shall be placed in the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amendment. Section 13.08.125 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken out):

13.08.125 Service lines – Charges.

The City will perform maintenance on grinder pumps used for the piped sewer system. The charges will only be assessed if repair is attributed to negligence, as determined by the public piped utilities foreman. At the time the customer receives service to rebuild a grinder pump the customer will be billed for the following charges in relation to the annual frequency with which a grinder pump is repaired. If the property that receives the repair has a multi-dwelling unit, then the person, to whom the water accounts name is in, is responsible for the expense.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage of this ordinance.

ENACTED THIS 12 DAY OF JANUARY BY A VOTE OF 6 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Strickler, City Clerk