

Introduced by: City Manager Foley
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Action: Passed
Vote: 4-1

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #09-38

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL ELIMINATING INTEREST ON SEWER UTILITY DEPOSITS

WHEREAS, interest is not paid for deposits on water or solid waste;

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund lost value in 2009 due to increased costs;

WHEREAS, operation of the sewer utility while paying interest on deposits will result in cash losses in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund;

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 13.08.080 (B) of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken out):

13.08.080 Credit – Deposits – Assistance.

Each person required to subscribe to sewer collection service shall establish credit with the finance department.

A. Establishment of Credit. A utility deposit will be required. A deposit equal to the estimated bill for two (2) months' service, but not less than one hundred dollars (\$100), shall be required.

B. Deposits. The deposit is not a payment on account. In the event the person making the deposit is no longer required to subscribe to sewer collection service, the deposit will be applied to the closing bill, and any amount in excess of the closing bill will be refunded to such person. ~~The city shall pay interest of three (3) percent on any deposit.~~

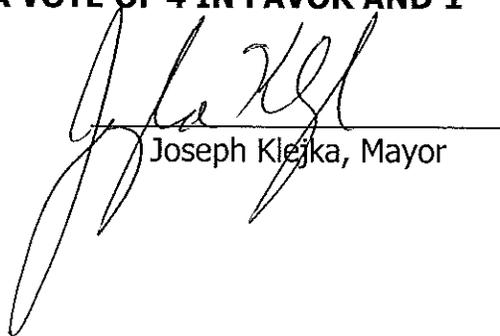
C. Forfeiture of Deposit. If a customer's account becomes delinquent, the deposit shall be applied to the unpaid balance and an additional deposit equal to the estimated bill for two (2)

months' service shall be paid within thirty (30) days of the date the original deposit was applied to the delinquent balance.

D. Assistance. The city shall provide assistance to any subscriber proving financial need.

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

ENACTED THIS 13th DAY OF OCTOBER 2009 BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 1 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk