

Introduced by: City Manager Foley
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Action: Failed
Vote: 0-6

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

ORDINANCE #09-37

AN ORDINANCE BY THE BETHEL CITY COUNCIL AMENDING UTILITY SHUT OFF DATES

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel ("City") charges for the service of providing water, sewer and solid waste utilities;

WHEREAS, the City collects a deposit for two months usage that only covers utility charges up to the last day of the month in which a bill is sent;

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

WHEREAS, liability from charges not covered by a deposit is a hardship for paying citizens;

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 13.04.270 (B), section 13.08.220 (B), and section 13.12.080 (B) of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows (new language is underlined and deleted language is stricken out):

13.04.270 Delinquent Accounts

B. ~~Within fifteen (15) days after an account becomes delinquent water~~ Water will be turned off if the delinquent account is not paid in full by the last day of the month in which the account became delinquent ~~prior thereto.~~

13.08.220 Delinquency

B. ~~On or before fifteen (15) days after an account becomes delinquent~~ On the billing due date or next business day of the month in which an account becomes delinquent, a notice of delinquency and public nuisance shall be sent to the customer and to the owner of the premises. The notice shall state a date on or after which the premises will be declared a

public nuisance if the delinquent account is not paid in full prior thereto. Such date shall not be less than ~~five (5)~~ three (3) nor more than fifteen (15) days from the date of the notice. The delivery to the premises served or mailing to the address on record of the customer and of the owner shall be considered a delivery to the customer and to the owner.

13.12.080 Billing

B. ~~Within fifteen (15) days after~~ On the last day of the month in which an account becomes delinquent, garbage, rubbish and waste material collection service will be discontinued if the delinquent account is not paid in full prior thereto.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective no sooner than 60 days and no later than 90 days, after passage of said ordinance.

ENACTED THIS _ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009 BY A VOTE OF _ IN FAVOR AND _ OPPOSED.

Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cathy Cope, Acting City Clerk