

Introduced by: Vice Mayor, Middlebrook
Council Member Williams
Date: June 23, 2009
Public Hearing: July 14, 2009
Action: Passed
Vote: 7-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA **Ordinance #09-13**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 13.04.260, 13.08.210, 13.12.070, 13.04.120 AND 13.08.090 WATER, SEWER AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BILLING

WHEREAS: The City of Bethel represents the people who live in and do business within the city

WHEREAS: The City of Bethel has an interest in treating all citizens as fairly as possible.

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

SECTION 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a permanent nature and shall become a part of the Bethel Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Amending BMC 13.04.260, 13.08.210, 13.12.070, 13.04.120 and 13.08.090 The Bethel Municipal Code is amended as follows (new language is underlined and ~~old language is stricken out~~):

13.04 WATER SERVICE

13.04.120 Service changes

A. Increased Level of Service. Existing customers in good standing may increase their level of services without an additional deposit due providing the original deposit equals two (2) months of services. Customers who are not in good standing shall be required to pay all outstanding balances before an increased level of service will be provided.

B. Decreased level of Service. Existing customers may decrease their level of service. A reduction in deposit will not be given.

C. Fees for Changes in Level of Service.

1. Two changes in level of services per calendar year shall be allowed to a customer in good standing at no charge. Thereafter, a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) will be due for any additional changes made. Customers not in good standing will be required to pay twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each change in level of service.

2. Per calendar year, ~~one (1)~~ two (2) reconnection(s) after a disconnection shall be given to a customer in good standing at no charge. All reconnections thereafter will be charged a ~~fifty~~

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dollars (~~\$50~~) twenty-five dollar (\$25) reconnection fee. Customers not in good standing will be required to pay fifty dollars (\$50) for each reconnection after a disconnection.

Chapter 13.04.260 Billing

A. All bills shall be mailed on or before the fifth (5th) day of each month.

B. Each bill entered shall be due upon receipt. If the bill is not paid by the ~~twentieth (20th)~~ twenty fifth (25th) day of the month in which it is mailed, or twenty days after the date the bill is mailed, whichever is later the account shall be considered delinquent.

C. If the date upon which a bill would be considered delinquent falls on a day that the city does not conduct business. The bill will become delinquent at the end of the next day that the city conducts business.

D. Payments sent by mail and postmarked on or before the day that a bill would be considered delinquent will not be considered delinquent.

E. Allowances for late payments from circumstances that delay normal payment of bills and delays in the mail such as bad weather, volcanic eruptions or national emergencies can be made by appropriate city staff.

G. F. Customers shall have ninety (90) days beyond the current payment due date for any corrections or adjustments.

13.08 SEWER SERVICE

13.08.090 Changes in service

A. Increased level of Service. Existing customers in good standing may increase their level of services without an additional deposit due providing the original deposit equals two (2) months of service. Customers who are not in good standing shall be required to pay all outstanding balances before an increased level of services will be provided.

B. Decreased for Changes in Level of Service.

1. Two changes in level of services per calendar year shall be allowed to a customer in good standing at no charge. Thereafter, a fee of twenty five dollars (\$25) will be due for any additional changes made. Customers not in good standing will be required to pay twenty-five dollars (\$25) for each change in level of service.

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2. Per calendar year, ~~one (1)~~ two (2) reconnection(s) after a disconnection shall be given to a customer in good standing at no charge. All reconnections thereafter will be charged a ~~fifty dollars (\$50)~~ twenty-five dollar (\$25) reconnection fee. Customers not in good standing will be required to pay fifty dollars (\$50) for each reconnection after a disconnection.

Chapter 13.08.210 Billing

A. All bills, except the connection fee, shall be included in the bill for city water service. Customers receiving the sewer service, but who do not receive water service, shall be billed separately. All bills shall be mailed on or before the fifth (5th) day of each month.

B. Each bill entered shall be due upon receipt. If the bill is not paid by the ~~twentieth (20th)~~ twenty fifth (25th) day of the month in which it is mailed, or twenty days after the date the bill is mailed, whichever is later, the account shall be considered delinquent.

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~~E. F.~~ Customers shall have ninety (90) days beyond the current payment due date for any corrections or adjustments.

13.12 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Chapter 13.12.070 Billing

A. All bills shall be mailed on or before the fifth (5th) day of each month.

B. Each bill entered shall be due upon receipt. If the bill is not paid by the ~~twentieth (20th)~~ twenty fifth (25th) day of the month in which it is mailed, or twenty days after the date the bill is mailed, whichever is later, the account shall be considered delinquent.

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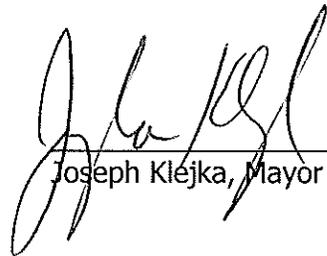
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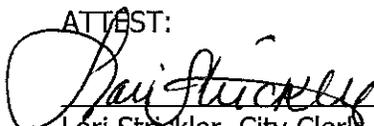
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SECTION 3. Effective Date. This chapter shall become effective upon passage by the Bethel City Council.

ENACTED THIS 14 DAY OF JULY 2009, BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Joseph Klejka, Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk