

CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 16 - 1888

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING MILTON MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 13.04.010,
13.28.070, AND 13.36.010 AND PROVIDING SEVERABILITY
AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Milton strives to maintain consistency between the Milton Municipal Code and current and best practices; and

WHEREAS, the City Code for the Public Services requires updates to bring current code consistent with current and best practices; **NOW, THEREFORE,**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 13.04.010 is amended as follows:

13.04.010 Assignment to collection company authorized.

The clerk Finance Director is authorized and directed to assign delinquent accounts from the Utility Department of the city to the collection company, provided, that the clerk Department shall maintain a list of those accounts assigned, and provided that the charges for collection shall not exceed the usual collection charges prevailing in Pierce County. (Ord. 514 § 1, 1965).

Section 2. That Chapter 13.28.070 is amended as follows:

13.28.070 Turn on and turn off – Single charge required when.

Each customer will have only one charge made for each request. In the case of dual service, the charge will go to the electric utility will be prorated between utility services. (Amended at City's request 2/9/84; Ord. 844 § 2, 1980).

Section 3. That Chapter 13.36.010 is amended as follows:

13.36.010 Policies and procedures established.

F. To reconnect a utility service which has been discontinued:

1. The account holder must pay the full balance due, including both past due and current amounts, plus a dispatch service fee.
2. Payments made after shut-off must be made in cash, by money order or by credit card or debit card.
3. Payments must be received before 2 3:30 p.m. for same day reconnections, and must include a \$50.00 dispatch service fee. Utility reconnections will be made by close of each business day.
4. For same day connections on payments received after 2 3:30 p.m. there will be an additional fee of \$185.00.

H. Exemptions.

1. Individual Circumstances. If it is determined by the Utility Clerk and the Finance Director that an account has become past due because of circumstances beyond the control of the account holder, a time payment plan on the past due amount may be arranged, with one percent per month interest charged on past due amounts. This request must be submitted by the property owner.
2. Payments received insufficient to cover both current balances and the scheduled payment on past due amounts shall be credited first to the older balance.
3. In an effort to assist customers due to individual circumstances the Finance Director is authorized to accept short term arrangements to avoid discontinuation of services. This must be authorized by the property owner and cannot exceed 90 days.

J. Corrections & Adjustments.

1. The Finance Director with concurrence from the Public Works Director has the authority to authorize the correction of billing errors and to make adjustments to Utility Accounts as necessary as a result of billing errors, or for expediency. Any adjustment in excess of \$1,000.00 must also be approved by the Mayor or their designee.

Section 4. Ratification and Confirmation. Any previous actions by the City that fall within the scope of the subject matter of this ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect five (5) days after proper posting and publication. A summary of this Ordinance may be published in lieu of publishing the Ordinance in its entirety.

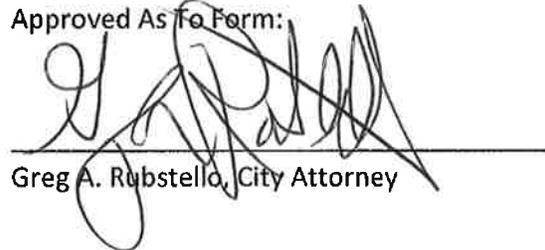
Section 6. Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance, or Ordinance modified by it, is determined to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the remaining provision of this Ordinance and Ordinances and/or Resolutions modified by it shall remain in force and effect.

PASSED AND APPROVED at the regular meeting of the Council of the City of Milton, this 16th day of February, 2016.


Debra Perry, Mayor

Attest/Authenticated:


Katie Bolam / City Clerk

Approved As To Form:

Greg A. Rubstello, City Attorney

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