

CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 1914-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MILTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MILTON MUNICIPAL CODE 13.36.010; TO CLARIFY PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITIES; ADDING A \$3.00 MONTHLY FEE FOR A DUPLICATE BILLING FOR THIRD PARTIES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AN EFFECTIVE DATE, AND FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION BY ORDINANCE TITLE ONLY.

WHEREAS, the Milton Municipal Code provides that Utilities shall stay in the property owner's name; and

WHEREAS, at times property owners would like to have a third party involved in the management and/or payment of their utility bill;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. Milton Municipal Code 13.36.010 is amended to read as follows, with new language shown by underline and deletions shown by strikeout:

13.36.010 Policies and procedures established.

The following utility billing policies and procedures are hereby established:

A. The utilities shall stay in the property owner's name, and the city will bill the owner of the served property for the payment of utility rates and charges specified in this title. ~~however,~~ The owner may ~~have~~ request that a copy of the bills be mailed ~~in care of a~~ to a tenant, or agent with a signed utility update form, but this shall not relieve the owner from liability for utility rates and

charges. A \$3.00 per month alternate address fee will be charged to the utility account for this service. Tenants will not receive pro-rated or partial bills. No billing will be sent to a tenant until all accounts for the property are in good standing, and payments are current. It is the sole responsibility of the property owner to notify the City of any change in tenants when additional billing copies has been requested.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect with the May 2017 billing.

Passed by the Milton City Council the 21st day of February, 2017, and approved by the Mayor, the 21st day of February, 2017.


DEBRA PERRY, MAYOR

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:


KATIE BOLAM, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 
WILLIAM L CAMERON, CITY ATTORNEY

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