

ORDINANCE NO. 2711

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapters 13.36, 13.40, 13.44, 13.62, 13.64, 13.80, 13.84, and 13.86 of the Camas Municipal Code.

The Council of the City of Camas do ordain as follows:

Section I

Section 13.36.020 of the Camas Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section II

Section **13.36.040 Monthly service charge and rate for automatic sprinkler systems** is

hereby amended to provide as follows:

The monthly flat-rate charge for automatic sprinkler systems with fire hydrants and for standpipes in conjunction with fire protection shall be as provided in Section 13.36.010. of the Camas Municipal Code.

Section III

Section **13.36.050, Subsections (A)(2) and (A)(3) Connection charges** shall be amended to

provide as follows:

(A)(2) For installing a water meter for services one inch or smaller, the connection charge shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.

(A)(3) For installing a water meter, service line, and tapping the water main for a service one inch or smaller, the connection charge shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution or the actual cost to the City calculated in accordance with subsection (A)(1) of this section, whichever is greater.

Section IV

The first sentence of Section **13.36.060 Temporary water service** is hereby amended to

provide as follows:

For temporary irrigation or commercial hydrant use, all connections shall pay a deposit as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution, with the nonrefundable amount established as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.

Section V

Section **13.36.070, Subsection (A) and (B) Utility charge—Governmental users** shall be amended to provide as follows:

- (A) Rental by the Camas fire department of all fire hydrants within the city shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.
- (B) Rental of fire hydrants, per hydrant, outside the limits of the city by any other municipality or fire district shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.

Section VI

Section **13.40.010, Subsection (G) Meters—Installation—Reading--Accuracy** shall be amended to provide as follows:

- (G) When a customer requests a meter test, a deposit as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution to cover the cost of the test may be required of the customer.

Section VII

A new **Subsection 13.40.010 (R) - Meters—Installation—Reading--Accuracy** shall be established as follows:

- (R) Water connection shall be charged beginning on the date of installation. All connections will be billed continuously for the base charge even during periods of non-use, including vacancy and disconnection for non-payment.

Section VIII

Section **13.40.020 Meter, Subsections (A) and (B) Meter--Reading** shall be amended to provide as follows:

- (A) Meters shall be read as nearly as possible at regular thirty-day intervals or sixty-day intervals, and the bill rendered will be based on consumption to the nearest hundred cubic feet.
- (B) Other than regularly scheduled reading of water meters, the meters shall

be read only upon any sale of the property serviced by said meter. No meter shall be read at any intervals which occur between any renters or lessees of the property.

Section IX

Section 13.44.010, Subsection (C) and (D) Charges—Metered service—Billing intervals

shall be amended to provide as follows:

(C) A customer shall be charged the sum as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution for each nonsufficient fund check, or a check written on a closed account and returned by the bank to the city.

(D) There shall be a penalty on all delinquent accounts assessed at the rate of five percent of the outstanding balance, with a minimum per utility account as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.

Section X

A new Section 13.44.015 Subsections (A), (B) and (C) Billing Liability—Rental

Properties shall be established as follows:

(A) The record owner of any real property provided utility services by the City shall be and act as the sole customer of the City. All utility services provided to the real property shall be the responsibility of the record owner of the subject property. The City shall not be responsible for unpaid billings resulting from tenants moving in or out without paying charges due, nor the collection thereof, and said charges shall be a lien on the real property until paid.

(B) Except as hereinafter provided, all billings for utility services provided by the City shall be mailed to the record owner of the subject property at the record owner's address. The City shall have no duty to place any billing associated with any utilities services provided by the City in any other name, including, but not limited to, any renter or lessee.

(C) In the event a record owner requests billings of non-owner occupied real property be mailed to an address other than that of the record owner including but not limited to, any management company or to the premise address, the record owner must complete, sign, and have notarized a form provided by the Finance Department agreeing to the regulations and provisions associated with the request for an exception. Such form shall provide in part that the record owner agrees to be responsible for any prorating of utility billings between

any tenants or lessees, any utility billings which remain unpaid, and any disconnect charges otherwise imposed pursuant to the Camas Municipal Code that may be due in the event of any delinquency associated with any tenancy.

Section XI

Section 13.44.020, Subsections (A)(2), (B), (C), (D), (E), (G), (H), and (J)

Nonpayment—Shutoff—Hearing—Disconnection fees shall be amended to provide as follows:

(A)(2) A statement that the person billed may request a hearing to contest the amount or validity of the charges;

(B) The notice of intent to disconnect shall also contain a request for hearing form to be utilized by any person desiring to contest the amount or validity of such charges. Any person desiring such a hearing shall file the request for hearing with the Finance Department within ten days of the date of the notice, and shall accompany such request with a tender of the amount of charges billed. Failure to file a request for hearing and tender the amount of charges owing within such time limit shall be deemed a waiver of the right to a hearing.

(C) In the event the charges are not paid, or a hearing requested accompanied with a tender of the amount owing within ten days of the date of the notice, or if the customer's check is tendered and then is returned unpaid by the bank, then the city shall proceed to disconnect the water service to the premises.

(D) In the event a hearing is requested, the amount tendered by the customer shall be deposited into the customer account. If all or a portion of the charges are found not to be owing, such amount shall be refunded to the customer or credited to the customer's account.

(E) Whenever a disconnection is made at the owner's request, the sum as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution shall be charged for the cost of disconnecting. Whenever a disconnection is made for non-payment, the sum as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution shall be charged for disconnecting.

(G) There shall be an additional charge as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution for each time a service is found wrongfully or illegally reconnected after being disconnected for non-payment.

(H) If a meter or spacer must be removed, padlocked, or other means used to prevent illegal reconnection of a service, then there shall be an additional

charge as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution for removal of such meter or spacer.

(J) If a customer's meter has been turned off for non-payment and the customer requests reconnection after the hours of 5:00 p.m. or on a weekend or holiday, the customer shall be charged an additional turn-on fee as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution.

Section XII

Section **13.44.030 Adjustments for broken pipes** shall be amended to provide as follows:

When a property owner, in any given billing period because of a broken water pipe on the owner's premises, has used, according to the meter, a quantity of water which is more than double the most recent average without leak as set forth in 13.64.060(A), a written application may be made to the Finance Director, for a reduction in said billing. If the application states that the main underground service line between the meter and house or inside a crawlspace was broken on the owner's premises which caused the large consumption of water, and it is established that such broken pipe has been repaired and documentation in the form of a bill from a certified plumber or receipt for parts is attached, the finance director shall authorize a credit to such billing as follows:

(A) Average water consumption will be determined by the customer's most recent winter average without leak as set forth in Camas Municipal Code 13.64.060(A). Customers with no winter average will have the most recent two meter reads without leak used to define an average. Customers with no prior billing, or whose prior reads are zero, will use the City's default as set forth in Camas Municipal Code 13.64.060(B).

(B) The average consumption will then be deducted from the consumption which occurred at the time of the broken water pipe.

(C) A credit shall be permitted only once per customer account in a five year period. The credit shall apply to a single billing cycle and only up through the day of repair. No additional credit shall be given for a delay in repair of pipes beyond one billing period.

(D) The reduction provided for by this section shall not be allowed if such excess water consumption is due to the owner's neglect or failure to repair the water system of the premises. A reduction shall not be permitted if such excess consumption is due to leaking faucets, other plumbing fixtures or irrigation systems.

Section XIII

Section **13.62.040, Subsection (B) Installation responsibility—Inspection fee** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(B) During and at the completion of installation, the STEP/STE system shall be inspected by the city to ensure that it has been properly installed. There shall be a fee as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution for inspection of the STEP system, which fee shall be collected by the building department at the time the permit for connection to the municipal sewer system is issued.

Section XIV

A new introductory sentence shall be inserted in Section **13.64.010 Monthly service charges and rates for sewer services** as follows:

Billing and collection. Customers shall be billed for sewer utility charges at the same time and in the same manner as the customer is billed for water, storm water, garbage and recycling services pursuant to Camas Municipal Code Section 13.44.010.

Section XV

Section **13.64.020 Adjustment—Commercial** is hereby repealed.

Section XVI

Section **13.64.030, Subsection (B) Adjustment for broken water line** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(B) Eligibility for the adjustment provided herein shall be contingent upon repair of the broken water line as provided for in Section 13.44.030, Camas Municipal Code. Any adjustment allowed shall be limited to one billing period.

Section XVII

Section **13.64.040, Subsection (A) Septage users** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(A) There is imposed upon customers of the City of Camas water and sewer utility who have septic tanks or chemical toilets and reside within the city limits a service charge as per the fee schedule established by the City Council

per Resolution when waste from the septic tank or chemical toilet is dumped into the city sanitary sewer system.

Section XVIII

Section **13.64.050, Subsection (B) Connection charges for STEP systems** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(B) The connection charge for connecting a STEP/STE sewer system to the Camas municipal sanitary sewer system with a one inch service line or less shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution, or the actual cost to the city calculated in accordance with subsection (A) of the section, whichever is greater.

Section XIX

Section **13.64.060, Introductory Paragraph and Subsection (C) Sewer volume charges** shall be amended to provide as follows:

The sewer volume charges for each residential customer from November 1 through February 28 shall be based upon that customer's actual water consumption during that period. The two billing cycles between November 1 through February 28 shall be the customer's "two billing cycle water consumption history". The sewer volume charges for each residential unit for the remainder of the year shall be based on the average water consumption in the previous "two billing cycle water consumption history". Zero water consumption in any of the two water consumption history billing periods shall not constitute a "complete two billing cycle water consumption history".

(C) Residential customers may apply for a reduction in sewer rates when, due to a qualifying leak as defined in Camas Municipal Code 13.44.030, the sewer charge is substantially increased. The amount of the reduction shall be calculated in the same manner as a water leak credit as set forth in Camas Municipal Section 13.44.030.

Section XX

Section **13.80.070, Subsection (A)(2) Service--Recordkeeping** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(A)(2) Curb service must have refuse cans placed on the street curb by 6:30

a.m. on the day the area is scheduled by the department for refuse to be collected.

Section XXI

Section **13.80.090, Subsection (C) Contract--Bid—Bond** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(C) Each successful bidder shall furnish corporate surety bond to the city in the sum as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per Resolution conditioned upon the faithful performance of his contract and compliance with all ordinances of the city and all rules, regulations, laws and statutes relating to his business.

Section XXII

Section **13.80.120 Charge schedule** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(A) Customers shall be billed for garbage charges at the same time and in the same manner as the customer is billed for water, sewer, storm water, and recycling services pursuant to Camas Municipal Section 13.44.010.

(B) Immediately upon award of a contract as above stated, the Council shall by Resolution adopt a schedule of charges for the services rendered. All charges for the services to be rendered shall be payable to the Finance Department and if not paid on or before twenty days from the date of the bill, such charge shall be delinquent. Upon failure to pay such charges and upon delinquency, the amount thereof shall become a lien against the property for which the garbage collection service is rendered. Such lien shall be made effective by filing a notice thereof specifying the charges, the period covered by the charges, and giving a legal description of the premises for which the service was rendered. Such lien shall be filed with the same official and within the time and shall be foreclosed within the time and manner prescribed by law for filing and foreclosing liens for labor and material. Furthermore, such lien shall be prior to any and all other liens, but shall be subject to all general taxes and local improvement assessments, whether levied prior or subsequent thereto.

Section XXIII

Section **13.84.010, Subsections (D) and (F) Schedule of charges** shall be amended to provide as follows:

(D) Changes in service will become effective within two weeks of request.
The containers are the property of the City of Camas. To change can,
requiring the removal and replacement container\$11.00

(F) Residential and Commercial 1.5 and 2 Cubic Yard Container Rates.

CITY OF CAMAS
SANITATION UTILITY RATE STUDY
Monthly Rates

Sanitation Rates	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Annual Rate Adjustment		2.75%	2.75%	2.50%	2.50%	2.50%
Residential/Commercial 1.5 and 2 Cubic Yard Container Service						
Placement Charge	18.62	19.13	19.66	20.15	20.65	21.17
Monthly Rental Charge						
1.5 cubic yard	16.15	16.59	17.05	17.48	17.92	18.37
2 cubic yard	18.23	18.73	19.25	19.73	20.22	20.73
Disposal Charge (\$ per pick-up)						
1.5 cubic yard	16.71	17.17	17.64	18.08	18.53	18.99
2 cubic yard	23.19	23.83	24.49	25.10	25.73	26.37
Compacted Disposal Charge (\$ per pick-up)						
1.5 cubic yard	16.71	17.17	17.64	18.08	18.53	18.99
2 cubic yard	23.19	23.83	24.49	25.10	25.73	26.37
Permanent						
1.5 Yard Dumpster (\$ per month disposal)						
# of Empties per Week						
1 Regular	72.43	74.42	76.47	78.38	80.34	82.35
1 Compacted	144.85	148.83	152.92	156.74	160.66	164.68
2 Regular	144.85	148.83	152.92	156.74	160.66	164.68
2 Compacted	289.71	297.68	305.87	313.52	321.36	329.39
3 Regular	217.28	223.26	229.40	235.14	241.02	247.05
3 Compacted	434.56	446.51	458.79	470.26	482.02	494.07
4 Regular	289.71	297.68	305.87	313.52	321.36	329.39
4 Compacted	579.41	595.34	611.71	627.00	642.68	658.75
5 Regular	362.13	372.09	382.32	391.88	401.68	411.72

Sanitation Rates	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
5	724.26	744.18	764.64	783.76	803.35	823.43
Compacted						
2 Yard Dumpster						
# of Empties per Week						
1 Regular	100.47	103.23	106.07	108.72	111.44	114.23
1	200.94	206.47	212.15	217.45	222.89	228.46
Compacted						
2 Regular	200.94	206.47	212.15	217.45	222.89	228.46
2	401.88	412.93	424.29	434.90	445.77	456.91
Compacted						
3 Regular	301.41	309.70	318.22	326.18	334.33	342.69
3	602.82	619.40	636.43	652.34	668.65	685.37
Compacted						
4 Regular	401.88	412.93	424.29	434.90	445.77	456.91
4	803.76	825.86	848.57	869.78	891.52	913.81
Compacted						
5 Regular	502.35	516.16	530.35	543.61	557.20	571.13
5	1004.70	1032.33	1060.72	1087.24	1114.42	1142.28
Compacted						

Section XXIV

Section **13.86.025 Residential yard debris recycling** is hereby amended to provide as

follows:

(A) Customers shall be billed for recycling charges at the same time and in the same manner as the customer is billed for water, sewer, storm water, and garbage and services pursuant to Camas Municipal Code Section 13.44.010.

(B) There is established a voluntary system for the collection of yard debris generated by residential dwellings within the service area of the City. Any person who owns any residential dwelling within the service area may enroll with the City to have yard debris collected, transported and disposed of. Persons enrolling in the yard waste recycling program will be furnished a yard debris container by the City or its contractor.

Section XXV

Section **13.86.060 Rates for recyclable collection** shall be amended to provide as follows:

The rate for collection of recyclables shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per resolution per month for each residential unit.

Section XXVI

Section **13.86.065 Rates for yard debris collection** shall be amended to provide as follows:

The rates for collection of recyclable yard debris shall be as follows:

- (A) Basic yard debris service shall include the pick up of one ninety-gallon yard debris container every other week. The rate for basic service shall be as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per resolution, per year.
- (B) Excess material of yard debris set out in excess of the basic service amount shall be charged as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per resolution, per thirty-two gallon can or kraft bag.
- (C) Restart Fee. Customers who stop and then restart yard debris recycling services without having completed one year shall be charged a restart fee as per the fee schedule established by the City Council per resolution.

Section XXVII

This Ordinance shall take force and be in effect five (5) days from and after its publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 6th day of October, 2014.

SIGNED: _____

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Clerk

APPROVED as to form:

Shirley Mays

City Attorney