

GRANGEVILLE CITY ORDINANCE NO. 948

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GRANGEVILLE PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8-5-11 THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GRANGEVILLE RELATING TO TURN OFF REQUEST AND CHARGES FOR TURN OFF IN THE CITY WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR THE ORDINANCE BECOMING EFFECTIVE UPON ITS PASSAGE, APPROVAL, AND PUBLICATION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANGEVILLE, IDAHO COUNTY, IDAHO, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 8-5-11 of the Grangeville Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

8-5-11: TURN OFF REQUEST; CHARGES FOR TURN OFF:

A. Request:

1. Water shall be turned off on the written or verbal request from a consumer. If turned off for violation of rules or nonpayment of bills, service shall not be reinstated until the account is paid in full.

2. It is declared policy of the City that all properties receiving water from the Grangeville water system at the time of passage hereof must continue to contribute monthly bond fees until the bond is paid, as set forth in this section and ordinance 766.

a. Therefore, all water service bills for all accounts that exist on the date of the passage hereof will continue to be required to pay the bond payment fee as established in the master fee schedule and required in Grangeville City ordinance 766, passed on January 20, 2004. If any property that was receiving a water bill on the effective date hereof shall be turned off either voluntarily, at the request of a property owner, or involuntarily for nonpayment, the water bond fee shall continue to be paid until the water bond has been fully paid.

b. If an account relates to a property that includes a primary residence or business, and also that same property has a supplementary irrigation account, the bond fee herein required shall only be billed to the primary residence or business.

c. However, properties that have only an irrigation account shall be billed the bond payment fee.

3. All properties receiving City utilities will be required to pay the monthly base rate for each service, regardless of whether the water is turned on or off. If the water is turned off, the monthly base rate will be calculated at 1 ER (equivalent residence). When the water is turned on, the appropriate calculated ER would then be charged.

B. Reconnection Deposit Refunded: In the event a three hundred percent (300%) deposit has been posted with the City Clerk as previously required by this section and thereafter a customer shall timely pay all utility bills without any delinquencies for at least a twenty four (24) month period, then the bond can be refunded to the customer. Furthermore, upon the closing of any account, any posted deposit shall be applied against any unpaid utility bills and the customer shall be refunded any unapplied balance.

C. Discontinued Service Request:

1. In order to discontinue a service the customer shall make written request to the City Clerk's Office on forms provided. The Water Department will then remove and take possession of the water meter and plug each end of the meter setter. The service line and appurtenances other than the meter will remain intact unless the customer requests that the service be shut off at the main and the meter boxes removed. This additional work will be billed on a time and material basis. Discontinuance of the service will end the current bond payment for the account and the account will become dormant/inactive.

2. After the date of service discontinuance should a request to reconnect the discontinued service for any reason be received, the charges for reconnection and equity buy ins as established in the master fee schedule shall apply and be paid in advance.

3. Reconnecting any service that has been cut off at the main and had the meter boxes removed will be charged on a time and material basis. An estimate of the charges will be provided at the time the reconnection request is made with the City Clerk's Office. The actual costs for reconnecting the service will be billed and shall be paid before the service is turned on.

4. At no time, may a customer choose to discontinue water service and keep the sewer service. Irrigation only services are an exception and shall not be required to have sewer.

Section 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, approval, and publication by summary in the Idaho County Free Press.

This ordinance passed under a suspension of the rule requiring three readings on separate days at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 15th day of March, 2021.

WES LESTER, Mayor

ATTEST:

TONYA KENNEDY, City Clerk