

ORDINANCE NO. 2373

CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW ACCOUNT FEE FOR THE WATER, SEWER AND TRASH UTILITIES AND REQUIRING THE OWNER TO NOTIFY THE CITY IN THE EVENT OF CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OR USE OF BUILDINGS USING UTILITY SERVICES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

1. That Section 31-2 of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction is amended to read as follows:

Section 31-2. Application for service; liability of owners of premises; start of billing period.

(a). Application for water service to a premises shall be in the name of the owner of the premises. Although the owner may direct that the water bill be sent to another for payment, the owner of property where water is used shall be liable for the payment of rent for all water used thereon in addition to the other utility charges appearing on the water bill. Where application is for new service, charges for water service shall begin when the city is advised that usage has commenced or one hundred twenty (120) days after the issuance of the sewer or water permit, whichever is first unless the applicant can show that no services are being received.

(B). THE OWNER OF THE PREMISES SHALL NOTIFY THE UTILITY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF BUILDING STRUCTURE AND/OR USE AT THE TIME OF SUCH CHANGE TO INSURE CORRECT MONTHLY CHARGES.

2. That Chapter 31 of said Code is amended by the addition of a Section 31-4, reading as follows:

Section 31-4. New service fee.

Whenever a water service account is created or is changed, a new service fee in the amount of \$8.00 shall be charged for the setting up of the new account.

3. That Chapter 14 of said Code is amended by the addition of a Section 14-6, reading as follows:

Section 14-6. New service fee.

Whenever a sanitation account is created or is changed, a new service fee in the amount of \$8.00 shall be charged for the setting up of the new account, unless, at the same time, water or sewer service is being commenced or changed and a fee is being charged therefor.

4. That Section 14-13 of Chapter 14 of said Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-13. RESPONSIBILITIES of owner of premises.

(a). The owner of the premises, as well as the occupant or occupants thereof, shall be subject to the terms of this chapter and liable for violations thereof.

(B). THE OWNER OF THE PREMISES SHALL NOTIFY THE UTILITY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF BUILDING STRUCTURE AND/OR USE AT THE TIME OF SUCH CHANGE TO INSURE CORRECT MONTHLY CHARGES.

5. That Section 25-47 of Chapter 25 of said Code is amended to read as follows:

Section 25-47. NEW SERVICE FEE; billing; collection of sewer charges.

(A). WHENEVER A SEWER SERVICE ACCOUNT IS CREATED OR IS CHANGED, A NEW SERVICE FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8.00 SHALL BE CHARGED, UNLESS, AT THE SAME TIME, WATER SERVICE IS BEING COMMENCED OR CHANGED AND A FEE IS BEING CHARGED THEREFOR.

(b). All sewer charges shall be dated and sent out to the owner of the premises served or to whom the owner may direct at regular intervals. Such sewer service charges shall be added to and made a part of the water bill if customers receive water service from the city, or by separate billing if water service is from other than the city. Provisions of the City Code relative to the payment of delinquent water bills shall also apply to delinquent sewer bills in all aspects, including the discontinuance of water service non-payment of sewer charges.

(C). THE OWNER OF THE PREMISES SHALL NOTIFY THE UTILITY ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT OF ANY CHANGE OF BUILDING STRUCTURE AND/OR USE AT THE TIME OF SUCH CHANGE TO INSURE CORRECT MONTHLY CHARGES.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of March, 1988.

O.F. Ragsdale

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President of the Council

Attest:

Neva B. Lockhart, CMC

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City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance, being Ordinance No. 2373, was introduced, read, and ordered published by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, at a regular meeting of said body held on the 17th day of February, 1988, and that the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, at least ten before its final passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 3rd day of March, 1988.

Neva B. Lockhart, CMC

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City Clerk

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