CITY OF LANGLEY

ORDINANCE NO. ___

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON,
amending Langley Municipal Code Sections 13.01.330 and 13.01.510, and
Ordinance Nos. 744 and 931 regarding water charges and billings; providing for
severability; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is necessary to clarify the manner in which delinquent water
charges are collected by the City from residents and businesses;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY DO HEREBY
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Langley Municipal Code Section 13.01.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13.01.330 Unpaid charges-Service turn-off.
   As an additional and concurrent method of enforcing the lien of the City for water fees and
   charges, at the end of thirty ten (10) days following the date of first delinquency of any such charges,
   the Public Works Director shall turn off the water service, and such service shall not be turned on
   again until such delinquent charges, together with interest and penalty thereon, if any, and the
   additional sum set forth by Council Resolution for turning the water on, shall have been paid;
   provided, however, that if the water is turned on outside the regular working hours of the department,
   an additional fee as set by Council Resolution, shall further be paid. (Ord. 744, 1997)

Section 2: Langley Municipal Code Section 13.01.510 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13.01.510 Accounts.
   All accounts for water shall be billed as follows: Apartment complexes and multiple unit residential
   accounts shall be billed to the owner at the water service address or such other address as the owner
   shall provide to the City in writing; Single family residential accounts and commercial accounts for
   water shall be billed to the service address. For any property not occupied by its owner, a copy of any
   billed delinquency notice will also be sent to the owner of record, at the address as shown on county
   property tax records or such other address as the owner shall provide to the City in writing. Whether
   or not a property is occupied by its owner, the owner shall be responsible for payment of any
   delinquent water account balance. All service charges, as now provided in this section, or as may be
   hereafter amended, together with penalties and interest thereon, if any, shall be a lien upon the
   property to which such connections are made. Enforcement of such lien shall be in any manner
   provided by law. (Ord. 744, 1997) (Ord. 931, 2009)

Section 3. Severability
   If any section, paragraph, subsection, clause or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid for any
   reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

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Section 4. Effective date of ordinance

This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANGLEY, WASHINGTON, and approved by the Mayor at a regular meeting held on the ___ day of __________, 2013.

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, Mayor

ATTEST:

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DEBBIE L. MAHLER, Director of Finance/City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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MICHAEL R. KENYON, City Attorney

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