

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, amending Ordinance Nos. 50-N and 291-N, and Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.070, thereby clarifying the Town's policy of assessing a late fee for water service payments received after the 20th of the month.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. It is the policy of the Town to impose a late fee for any payment received after the 20th day of the month for water service provided the month before. This policy was codified under Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.070. However, questions have arisen as to whether the existing wording of §20.02.070 accurately reflects this policy. The purpose of this ordinance is to clarify the late fee provisions set forth in §20.02.070 so as to accurately reflect the intent and policy of the Town regarding the imposition of late fees.

Section 2. Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.070 and those portions of Ordinance Nos. 50-N and 291-N which are codified as Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.070 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"20.02.070 - Delinquencies - - Late Fee - - Shut Off.
Water fees billed and remaining unpaid on the 20th day of the month following the month in which water was provided to a customer shall be considered delinquent and a \$10.00 late charge shall be assessed against the

account. If the delinquent account and late charges are not then paid by the 20th day of the next month, an additional \$10.00 late charge shall be assessed against the account, and the Treasurer shall notify the customer that, unless the delinquent sum and late fee are paid within ten days from the date of the notice, the water service to the customer shall be shut off. The Treasurer shall present to the Town water commissioner (or public works supervisor) a list of all delinquent customers who fail to pay their delinquent accounts within the ten-day notice period; the water commissioner (public works supervisor) shall forthwith cause the water service to these customers to be shut-off."

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it or a summary thereof, is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield as required by law.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Garfield at its regular meeting on _____, 2008.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

Attest:

Annie Pillers,

Clerk

Approved as to form:

Stephen Bishop,
Town Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective date: _____