

**ORDINANCE NO. 395**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SISTERS MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.12.030 CONCERNING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER SERVICE AND THE REFUNDING AND REINSTATING OF DEPOSITS.**

**THE CITY OF SISTERS ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. Sisters Municipal Code section 12.12.030 is amended as follows (words to be added are in *italics*):

13.12.030      Application for Service.

- (1) Application form. Each applicant for water service shall sign an application form provided by the Water Department giving the date of application, location of premises to be served, the date applicant desires services to begin, purpose for which service is to be used, the address for mailing of the billings, the class and the size of the meter service and such other information as the Water Department may reasonably require. In signing the application, the customer agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Water Department. The application is merely a written request for service and does not bind the Water Department to serve.
- (2) Deposits and establishment of credit. At the time application for service is made, the applicant shall establish his credit with the Water Department.
  - (a) Establishment of credit. The credit of the applicant will be deemed established when the applicant shall make a cash deposit with the Water Department to secure the payment of bills for service. The deposit shall be a sum equal to the estimated bill for two months service but not less than an amount to be established by City Council resolution and published in the current water rate schedule.
  - (b) Deposits. At the time the deposit is given to the Water Department, the applicant will be given a receipt for the same. The deposit is not to be considered as a payment on account. In the event the service is discontinued, the deposit will be applied to the closing bill and any amount in excess of the closing bill will be refunded. The Water Department will not pay interest on any deposit.
  - © Forfeiture of Deposit. If an account becomes delinquent and it is necessary to turn off the service, the deposit shall be applied to the unpaid balance due. Water service will not be restored to that premises or that customer at different premises until all outstanding bills due the Water Department have been paid and the cash deposit replaced, together with a service charge as provided in Section 10, subsection (6) herein.
  - (d) *Refund of Deposit. If the customer has made timely payment of monthly utility bills for 24 consecutive months, the deposit will be refunded through a credit to the customer's utility account.*

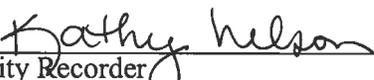
(e) *Reinstatement of Deposit. If a customer's monthly utility bill account becomes delinquent after the refund of the deposit, the customer will be required to reestablish the deposit at current rate under subsection (b).*

(3) Applicant Amendments. Customers desiring a material change in the size, character, or extent of equipment or operation which would result in a material change in the amount of water used shall give the Water Department written notice of such change prior to the change and the application for service shall be amended. Customers desiring a change in the size, location, or number of services shall fill out an amended application.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL** of the City of Sisters, this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2010.

  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Recorder