

**CITY OF ILWACO  
ORDINANCE NO. 907**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ILWACO, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TITLE  
13 - PUBLIC SERVICES OF THE ILWACO MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING  
CHAPTER 13.06.090 PAYMENT PLANS**

**WHEREAS**, Title 13 “Public Services” of the Ilwaco Municipal Code (IMC) governs the billing procedures of Ilwaco’s combined water/sewer/stormwater system; and

**WHEREAS**, the occasion arises when a customer is unable to pay their bill for an extended period of time due to unforeseen circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to provide a form of relief by granting discretion to the city’s utility billing department to offer payment plans to help those economically impacted; and

**WHEREAS**, an addition to the IMC is necessary for the City to be able to offer its customers payment plans, which would include a 1.5% interest fee, that would allow the customer to pay off an accumulated outstanding balance in equal monthly installments for an amount of time to be determined based upon need and circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers granted by the Ilwaco Municipal Code, and in accordance with Article 8, Section 7 of the Constitution of the State of Washington, the Ilwaco City Council authorizes that a section be added to the IMC, to regulate the procedures for payment plans; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ILWACO,  
WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.**

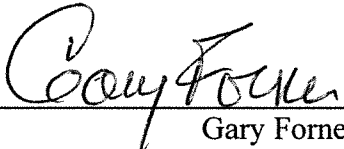
**Chapter 13.06 – COMBINED WATER/SEWER/STORMWATER BILLING**

**13.06.090 Payment Plan Options.**


- A. Customer may request a payment plan if reasonable hardship circumstances exist that affect the customer’s ability to pay in a timely manner. Examples of hardship may include the following: loss of employment due to natural disaster or declared state of emergency; serious injury or illness of the account holder; death in the immediate family; and bankruptcy. The billing department will use discretion in offering payment plans of up to twelve (12) months on a case-by-case basis. Hardship claims do not guarantee continuation of services.
  
- B. Customers who have failed to comply with previous payment plans or who have a history of excessive delinquencies and/or shut-offs may be denied the payment plan request.

- C. Once approved, the payments will be billed as a line item on the monthly combined water/sewer/stormwater billing and due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month along with the current bill.
- D. Customer will be charged an interest fee at the rate of 1.5%
- E. Failure to make timely payment for current service and monthly payment plan amount according to the terms of an executed Payment Plan Agreement shall be cause for termination of service according to the regular termination procedures.
- F. Customer agrees to pay the monies owed according to the terms of the payment plan even if they move.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ILWACO AND SIGNED IN AUTHENTICATION OF ITS PASSAGE THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2020. -**

  
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 Gary Forner, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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 Stephanie Davis, City Clerk

VOTE	Cundiff	Bageant	Quittner	Lessnau	Mathison	Forner
Ayes	X	X	X		X	
Nays						
Abstentions						
Absent				X		

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