

Code Ordinance

By: Finance

Introduced: October 14, 2013

Public Hearing: October 28, 2013

Adopted: October 28, 2013

Vote: Buswell, Harris, O'Barr, Sullivan-Leonard, Wall and Wilson in favor

**City of Wasilla
Ordinance Serial No. 13-32**

An ordinance of the Wasilla City Council amending Wasilla Municipal Code (WMC) Subsection 13.04.100, in Chapter 13.04 Water Service System, to adjust the billing due date to the twentieth day of each month.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

Section 2. Amendment of subsection. WMC 13.04.100.A, within title of section Account payment-Delinquent accounts, is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. The city shall read water meters during the third week of each month and mail bills to the address provided by the customer. Bills shall be due on the ~~fifteenth~~ 20th day of each month. Upon approval and prior arrangement with the city advance payments are acceptable.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on October 28, 2013.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT

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Originator: Troy Tankersley, Finance Director

Date: 10/2/2013

Agenda of: 10/14/2013

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
	Chief of Police		
X	Public Works Director		10/2/13
	Recreation & Cultural Services Director		
X	Finance Director		10/2/13
X	Deputy Administrator		10/2/13
X	City Clerk		10/3/13

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright:



Fiscal Impact: yes or X no

Funds Available: yes or no N/A

Account name/number: N/A

Attachments: Ordinance Serial No. 13-32 (1 page)

Summary Statement: This ordinance comes at the request of several utility customers. Billings are mailed to customers at, or around, the last day of each month with a due date of the fifteenth day of the month following. Postmarks are not considered for timeliness so the customer must allow time for delivery service. The approximate fifteen (15) day turnaround is challenging particularly for out-of-state customers, businesses generating payments on a fixed schedule and customers for which auto-payment service is not an option.

The billing cycle for other local utilities was considered. Extending the monthly due date to the twentieth day of each month appears to be within the reasonable and customary practices of local industry.

Implementation of the new due date would begin with the utility bills mailed at, or around the last business day in November with a due date of December 20th 2013.

Staff Recommendation: Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 13-32.