ORDINANCE NO. $\frac{479}{79}$ F Introduced by Commissioner <u>Earl</u> Johnso *U*

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RULES AND REGULATIONS IN REGARD TO ELECTRICITY AT THE MOORING BASIN IN THE CITY OF WARRENTON AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

THE CITY OF WARRENTON DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: <u>SECTION 1.</u> Applications for the use of electricity at the Mooring Basin must be made on printed forms to be furnished by the Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Warrenton, signed by the owner, lessee or agent and the applicant must state fully and truly all purposes for which the electricity may be required and must agree to conform to the rules and regulations as conditioned for the use of electricity.

Applications for permits to connect vessels, boats or watercraft with the city electric system or request to turn off electricity or to turn on electricity shall in all cases be in writing and signed by the owner, lessee or agent of the vessel, boat or watercraft to be served and said written applications shall also show the dates requested for services. No person shall turn electricity on or connect with his vessel, boat or watercraft without signing the application described herein.

<u>SECTION 2.</u> Any person supplied with electricity from the city will not be entitled to use it for any purpose other than stated in his, her or their application or to supply in any way other persons or families not mentioned in said application.

<u>SECTION 3.</u> Unauthorized Use of Electricity - It shall be unlawful for any vessel, boat or watercraft to obtain electricity for its use from the city except through a meter and from persons duly authorized to collect for such electricity, and it shall be unlawful for any person to serve a vessel, boat or watercraft, except through a meter.

SECTION 4. Turn On Fee - Where electricity has been turned on or off for any reason, the Auditor and Police Judge may collect a fee of \$1.00 per trip when the service is for customer convenience or for reason of an unpaid bill or for other violation. This \$1.00 Page One, Ordinance. service charge shall include any mid-month reading for the protection of the customer.

SECTION 5. Special Provisions - The city may prohibit the use of electricity furnished by the city for any purpose, such regulation being within the police power and as a precautionary measure to promote the health and safety of the inhabitants of the city. SECTION 6. Penalty for delinquent payment - Electric charges will be due and payable on the 1st of the month at the office of the City Auditor and Police Judge, and if not so paid, the electricity may be shut off the premises. After the 15th of the month, a 25¢ connection charge per delinquent month shall be collected. On the 15th of the third month, the electricity shall be shut off. SECTION 7. Meters Required - All persons using electricity furnished by the city are required to install electricity meter boxes, kind or make of said meters to be designated by the City of Marrenton. The City of Warrenton may at any time attach a meter to or detach a meter from the service line of any place and charge for the quantity of electricity used or measured at the regular meter rates. When a meter becomes out of order and fails to register accurately, it shall be fixed by the meter user or the electricity shall be cut off.

Applicant or electricity user of electricity furnished by the City of Warrenton must maintain a lock on his own meter box at his own expense to keep others from plugging in.

Payments for electricity are to be made separately from moorage charges and direct to the Auditor and Police Judge at the City Hall. <u>SECTION 8</u> - Meters and electric service not to be tampered with -No person unless properly authorized by the City of Warrenton shall connect, remove, repair or otherwise disturb any electric meter or electric service after once set, but at the discretion of the city, a meter may be removed by the city for an unpaid account. <u>SECTION 9.</u> Meter to be Accessible - The occupants of any vessel, boat or watercraft where meter is located shall see that the meter is kept and remains free from obstructions on or around same and is conveniently accessible at all times for the purpose of reading, inspecting or repairing, and failure may result in loss of service and payment of service calls. Page Two, Ordinance. <u>SECTION 10.</u> Access to Vessels, Boats or Watercraft for inspection -An Inspector of the city shall have free access at proper hours of the day to all parts of the vessel, boat or watercraft in which electricity may be delivered from the city for the purpose of inspecting the condition of the wires and fixtures and the manner in which electricity is used.

<u>SECTION 11.</u> Electricity may be Shut Off - On failure to comply with the rules and regulations established as a condition to the use of electricity or to pay electric charges at the time and manner herein provided, electricity may be shut off the offending vessel, boat or watercraft.

<u>SECTION 12.</u> Penalty - Any person violating any of the conditions of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$300.00 or imprisonment in the City Jail of not exceeding ninety (90) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. <u>SECTION 13.</u> In case any portion or provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid for any reason whatsoever by any Court, then all other provisions of this Ordinance shall be held and considered to be independent of and separable from such invalid portion and shall not be affected or rendered void by the invalidity of such other portion.

<u>SECTION 14</u>. Emergency - That inasmuch as the rules and regulations of the City of Warrenton in regard to use of electricity at the Mooring Basin of the City of Warrenton need to be established and a fixed electrical Mooring Basin code set up in order to supply an adequate amount of electricity to the electric customers of the City of Warrenton at the Mooring Basin on a sound financial basis and to restrict the wastage of electricity and as electricity is a fire hazard and as electricity is necessary for the occupants of the vessels, boats and watercraft at the City of Warrenton's Mooring Basin, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of the health, peace and safety of the residents of the City of Warrenton. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton and approval by the Page Three, Ordinance. Mayor of the City of Warrenton.

of the City of Warrenton Passed by the City Commission/this 6th day of June, 1966.

Approved by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton this 6th day of June, 1966.

Hold Bank

ATTEST: luni 0 al

Auditor and Police Judge

Page Four, Ordinance.