Introduced by Commissioner Michael G. MURPHY

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE 855A, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The City of Warrenton ordains as follows:

<u>Section 1:</u> Section 3 of Ordinance 855A. Item 1 is amended to read as follows:

"Flat Rate: Water charges for residential customers on a 3/4-inch service, will be billed no later than the fifth of each month for the preceding month, and shall be due and payable at Warrenton City Hall before the 20th of that month."

Section 3 of Ordinance 855A, Item 2 is amended to read as follows:

"Billing and Shut-off Notices: On flat-rate accounts, payments will be due on a monthly basis. If payment in full is not received by 5:00PM on the 20th of the month, a late charge will be added. If the account is still unpaid on the 1st of the following month, a bill will be mailed to the person responsible, showing all charges due with a shut-off notice stating water service will be discontinued on, or a specified date near, the 18th of the month. There will be a charge for delivery of the shut-off notice. Once a shut-off notice has been sent, payment must be IN FULL, including all charges against the account. It is the responsibility of the person responsible, or the owner of the property, to make certain payment in full has been received by the city in a timely manner."

Section 3 of Ordinance 855A, Item 3 is amended to read as follows:

"Metered Accounts: Those accounts served by 3/4" meters or larger, will be billed no later than the fifth of each month for the preceding month, and shall be due and payable at Warrenton City Hall before the 20th of that month. If payment in full is not received by 5:00PM on the 20th of the month, a late charge will be added. If the account is still unpaid on the 1st of the following month, a bill will be mailed to the person responsible, showing all charges due with a shut-off notice stating water service will be discontinued on, or a specified date near, the 18th of the month. There will be a charge for delivery of the shut-off notice. Once a shut-off notice has been sent, payment must be IN FULL, including all charges against the account. It is the responsibility of the person responsible, or the owner of the property, to make certain payment in full has been received by the city in a timely manner."

<u>Section 2.</u> An emergency is declared to exist for the reason that the City is in the process of having its computerized utilities programs brought up to date and later adjustments would be costly; passage of this ordinance up-dates and clarifies the regulations of above-described policies, as well as providing the enforcement thereof, and thus, being deemed necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the customers of the City of Warrenton, this ordinance shall go into full force and effect immediately following passage.

Passed by the City Commission of the City of Warrenton, Oregon this <u>18th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1992.

Examined and approved by the Mayor of the City of Warrenton, on this <u>18th</u> day of <u>November</u>, 1992.

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ATTEST: Dilbert Manager/Auditor hannon