ORDINANCE NO. 1082-A

INTRODUCED BY COMMISSIONER: Mark Kujala

PROVIDING FOR SPECIAL CHARGES AND REFUNDS RELATED TO THE CITY OF WARRENTON WATER DEPARTMENT AND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1029 -A

The City of Warrenton ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 4 (7) of Ordinance No. 1029-A is hereby amended as follows:

(7) **Special Charges:** A fee will be charged for any non-sufficient funds transactions. Customers have ten business days to make non-sufficient funds (NSF) payments good. The NSF transaction is made good with cash only including the NSF fee of \$25.00.

The City will immediately contact the customer to notify them of the NSF check. If direct contact is not made, then the City will leave messages at the phone numbers of record. If no phone contact is made, City will post notice on customer's residence. This will suffice to give notice to customer that the payment must be made good and advise them of the policy of the City.

The ten business days begins the day the City receives notice from the bank and ends on the tenth business day at 5:00 p.m. (counting the day of notice to us).

The City will assess the status of the account and if the NSF transaction is not made good within the ten business days, then City will enforce all collection policies as per section 4. (2) of the City ordinance.

NSF fees attach to all non-sufficient fund payment transactions including checks and auto-pay.

- Section 2. Section 6 (5) of Ordinance No. 1029-A is hereby amended as follows:
- (5) **Miscellaneous:** Customers who have finaled their utility accounts with the City and have account balances equal to or greater than \$1.00 will receive refunds. No refunds will be issued for account balances less than \$1.00. Refund checks that have not cleared the City's bank within 30 days of issuance will be cancelled and written off.
- <u>Section 3.</u> In case any portion or provisions of this ordinance should be held to be invalid for any reason whatsoever by any court, then all other provisions shall be held and considered to be independent of, and separable from, such invalid portions and shall not be affected or rendered void by the invalidity of such other portions.

<u>Section 4.</u> This ordinance takes affect 30 days after its adoption by the Warrenton City Commission.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the Warrenton City Commission this 11th day of October, 2005.

First Reading: September 27, 2005

Second Reading: October 11, 2005

Gilbert Gramson, Mayor

ATTEST

Linda Engbretson, City Recorder