



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

Legislative Summary

CB 119142

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Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; amending provisions related to adjustments to the wastewater volume charge due to water leaks; and amending Section 21.28.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

Date

Notes:

Filed with City Clerk:

Mayor's Signature:

Sponsors: Herbold

Vetoed by Mayor:

Veto Overridden:

Veto Sustained:

Attachments:

Drafter: bob.hennessey@seattle.gov

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History of Legislative File

Legal Notice Published:

Yes

No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Mayor	09/26/2017	Mayor's leg transmitted to Council	City Clerk			
1	City Clerk	09/26/2017	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was sent for review. to the Council President's Office						
	Notes:						
1	Council President's Office	11/08/2017	sent for review	Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee			
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	Notes:						

- 1 Full Council 11/20/2017 referred Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee
- 1 Civil Rights, Utilities, Economic Development, and Arts Committee 11/28/2017 pass Pass
Action Text: The Committee recommends that Full Council pass the Council Bill (CB).
Notes:
In Favor: 2 Chair Herbold, Member O'Brien
Opposed: 0
- 1 Full Council 12/04/2017 passed Pass
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was passed by the following vote, and the President signed the Bill:
Notes: *Councilmember Juarez left the Council Chamber at 3:12 p.m.*
In Favor: 7 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Harrell, Councilmember Herbold, Councilmember Johnson, Councilmember Mosqueda, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Sawant
Opposed: 0
Absent(NV): 1 Councilmember Juarez
- 1 City Clerk 12/06/2017 submitted for Mayor Mayor's signature
Action Text: The Council Bill (CB) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor
Notes:
- 1 Mayor 12/08/2017 Signed
- 1 Mayor 12/08/2017 returned City Clerk
- 1 City Clerk 12/08/2017 attested by City Clerk
Action Text: The Ordinance (Ord) was attested by City Clerk.
Notes:
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CITY OF SEATTLE

ORDINANCE 125485

COUNCIL BILL 119142

AN ORDINANCE relating to Seattle Public Utilities; amending provisions related to adjustments to the wastewater volume charge due to water leaks; and amending Section 21.28.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code.

WHEREAS, Seattle Municipal Code subsection 21.28.100.A allows customers to request adjustments to the wastewater volume charge on their sewer bills if they show evidence of a hidden or underground water leak only; and

WHEREAS, based on customer feedback and the City's affordability agenda, Seattle Public Utilities reviewed its billing adjustment policy for residential wastewater customers regarding types of water leaks that are not hidden or underground and do not result in discharge into the sewer system, but are not allowed a billing adjustment to the wastewater volume charge; and

WHEREAS, Seattle Public Utilities recommends amending subsection 21.28.100.A to remove the qualification that a water leak be hidden or underground to allow residential customers to qualify for an adjustment to the wastewater volume charge; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 21.28.100 of the Seattle Municipal Code, last amended by Ordinance 118396, is amended as follows:

21.28.100 Adjustments to wastewater volume charge ((-))

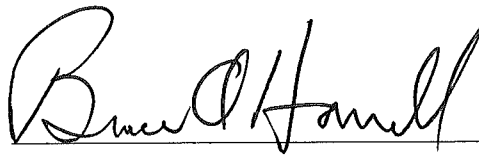
A. Upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of ~~((hidden or underground))~~ water leakage that does not enter the wastewater system, the Director of Seattle Public Utilities ~~((shall))~~ may adjust

1 the wastewater volume charge to the premises (~~for water so lost~~) and may not use the period
2 during which (~~such~~) the water leakage occurs in computing the average winter water
3 consumption when to do so would result in a higher wastewater charge to such premises,
4 provided that no such adjustment shall be made for leakage occurring more than four (~~(4)~~)
5 months prior to the date of application therefor. The General Manager and Chief Executive
6 Officer of Seattle Public Utilities is authorized to promulgate rules in accordance with Chapter
7 3.02 to establish policies for the eligibility and calculation of the adjustments to the wastewater
8 volume charge due to water leaks under this subsection 21.28.100.A.

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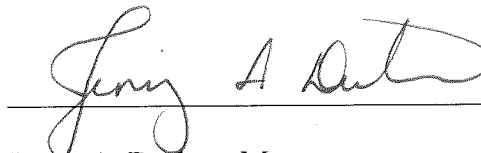
1 Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval by
2 the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after presentation, it
3 shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

4 Passed by the City Council the 4th day of December, 2017,
5 and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this 4th day of
6 December, 2017.

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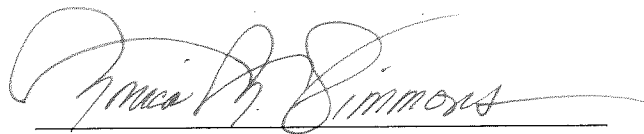
8 President _____ of the City Council

9 Approved by me this 8^r day of December, 2017.

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11 Jenny A. Durkan, Mayor

12 Filed by me this 8th day of December, 2017.

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14 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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