



CITY OF WHEATLAND

CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

April 14, 2020

SUBJECT: Conduct a Public Hearing Regarding Amending Title 13; Council Discussion and Consideration to Waive the First Reading and Introduce Ordinance No. 472

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Recommendation

1. Conduct a public hearing on the proposed Ordinance No. 472 adopting and amending portions of the Municipal Code relating to residential water service disconnection for nonpayment.
2. Upon close of the public hearing, staff recommends the City Council waive the first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 472 adopting and amending portions of the Municipal Code Title 13 Chapters 13.36 and 13.44.

Background

The Disconnection of Residential Water Service for Nonpayment Policy (the "Policy") adopted by Council on March 24, 2020 was a requirement of Senate Bill (SB) 998 signed into law September 28, 2018. SB 998 requires specific disconnection notification requirements, prohibits services from being disconnected under specified circumstances, and must be available in hard copy and on the City's website in prescribed languages.

Discussion

Amendments to the following Chapters are necessary for compliance with SB 998 and to be consistent with the Policy:

Chapter 13.36.020 Responsibility for payment.

Chapter 13.44.010 Payment of bills.

Chapter 13.44.015 Disconnection of residential water service for non-payment.

Chapter 13.44.020 Charges a debt to city.

Alternatives

Direct staff to update the Municipal Code at a later date.

Fiscal Impact

There is no financial impact to the General Fund or the utility funds.

Attachments

1. Ordinance 472
2. Municipal Code Chapter 13 updated
3. Municipal Code Chapter 13 with changes shown