

EXPLANATORY COVER SHEET

COUNCILMAN'S BILL NO. CB-1564

SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER PAIZ

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 16-10-3(9) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN RELATING TO UTILITY ACCOUNTS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF "EQRS".

PURPOSE: AS TO NEW UTILITY ACCOUNTS OR ACCOUNTS WITHOUT SUFFICIENT DATA TO ESTABLISH A "FIVE YEAR ROLLING AVERAGE" THE MUNICIPAL CODE REQUIRES STAFF TO ESTIMATE THE ACCOUNT'S ANNUAL USAGE AND TO ASSESS EQRS BASED ON THAT ASSESSMENT. SOMETIMES THE ESTIMATE WILL BE LOW AND OTHER TIMES HIGH. THIS ORDINANCE WILL AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO REQUIRE CAPITAL CHARGE REFUNDS WHERE THE FINAL DETERMINATION OF A COMMERCIAL UTILITY ACCOUNT'S EQRS BASED ON ACTUAL USAGE IS LESS THAN THE STAFF ESTIMATED EQRS.

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY REMARKS:

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN, COLORADO, THAT:

Section 1. Subsection 16-10-3(9) of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

(9) New accounts and/or accounts with sufficient historical data to establish a "five year rolling average," as may be required for determination of an "EQR" assessment, shall be assessed an estimated volume determined by the Director of Natural Resources. For this purpose, the Director may use comparable data from similar accounts, if such similar accounts exist, or may use data supplied by the customer to estimate the approximate volume of water expected to be used by that account during the next 12 month period. Once a 12 month billing history is available, that account's "EQR" assessment shall be determined by using the first year's actual volume as the basis for calculation. Should the "EQR" 12 month history be less than the estimated "EQR" assessment, the City shall refund to the customer the difference between the capital charges actually paid during said 12 month period and the amount that would have been paid based on the final "EQR" assessment. Each subsequent year's actual volume will then be included in the average volume used, until such time as a "five year rolling average" is available for that account. A new business which begins using a tap previously used is considered a new account.

INTRODUCED, READ AND ORDERED POSTED this ____ day of _____, 2006.

KATHLEEN M. NOVAK
Mayor

ATTEST:

DIANA L. LENTZ, CMC
City Clerk

PASSED ON SECOND AND FINAL READING this ____ day of _____,
2006.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney