

EXPLANATORY COVER SHEET

COUNCILMAN'S BILL NO. CB-1577

SPONSOR: COUNCIL MEMBER PAIZ

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 16-10-5 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF NORTHGLENN RELATING TO UTILITY USAGE CHARGES

PURPOSE: TO AMEND THE PROCESS FOR ESTABLISHING THE RATES FOR NEW WASTEWATER ACCOUNTS TO ALLOW FOR AN "EQR" ASSESSMENT, AND REFUNDS OR ADDITIONAL CHARGES DEPENDING ON THE CUSTOMER'S ACTUAL USAGE

ADDITIONAL EXPLANATORY REMARKS:

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

Section 1. The introductory paragraph of Section 16-10-5 of the Northglenn Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 16-10-5. Utility Usage Charges – Wastewater. Monthly charges for wastewater collection, treatment and storage services provided by the City to all utility accounts within the City's boundaries shall be in a manner that is generally dependent upon the quantity of water that is returned directly to the wastewater system (i.e., the accounts "return flow"). NEW ACCOUNTS AND/OR ACCOUNTS WITH INSUFFICIENT HISTORICAL DATA TO ESTABLISH A "WINTER AVERAGE," AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR DETERMINATION OF AN "EQR" ASSESSMENT, SHALL BE ASSESSED AN ESTIMATED VOLUME DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGER. FOR THIS PURPOSE, THE DIRECTORMANAGER MAY USE COMPARABLE DATA FROM SIMILAR ACCOUNTS, IF SUCH SIMILAR ACCOUNTS EXIST, OR MAY USE DATA SUPPLIED BY THE CUSTOMER. 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 RATES ACTUALLY PAID FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE DURING SAID 12 MONTH PERIOD AND THE AMOUNT THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN PAID BASED ON THE FINAL "EQR" ASSESSMENT. SHOULD THE "EQR" 12 MONTH HISTORY BE MORE THAN THE ESTIMATED "EQR" ASSESSMENT VOLUME, THE CUSTOMER SHALL BE SUBSEQUENTLY ASSESSED FOR ANY SUCH ADDITIONAL CHARGES.

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:

COREY Y. HOFFMANN
City Attorney