

# TOWN OF WOODWAY

## ORDINANCE 19-602

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF WOODWAY AMENDING THE WOODWAY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO STORMWATER UTILITY BILLING DUE DATES AND THE ASSESSMENT OF PENALTIES FOR DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION BY ORDINANCE TITLE ONLY.

WHEREAS, the Town strives to balance efficiency and financial accountability in its daily operations; and

WHEREAS, while the utility billing systems used by the Town greatly increase efficiency and ensure financial accountability, there are inherent administrative challenges in integrating two systems in the same process; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to clarify the due dates for semiannual billing and final prorated billing due to property transfer or a change in tenant;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council of the Town of Woodway does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Woodway Municipal Code Section 11.01.130 Billing and Collection shall be amended to read as follows:

### **11.01.130 Billing and Collection**

The Town may administer the billing and collection services required to implement this chapter, it may contract for such services, or it may enter into interlocal agreements with other governments for this purpose. All billing and collection services shall be implemented as follows:

- A. All property subject to service charges shall be billed semiannually for ~~a-the~~ previous six-month period based upon the applicable property rate category.
- B. Adjustments to the annual service charge may be made when property is annexed into the Town. The service charge for the billing year during which annexation occurs shall be subject to a proration formula that may be included in an interlocal agreement between the Town and Snohomish County.
- C. All semiannual utility bills shall be paid on or before the last day of the month in which the bill is issued. In the event any ~~bill-semiannual utility payment~~ is not ~~paid-received~~ by close of business on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the month after the

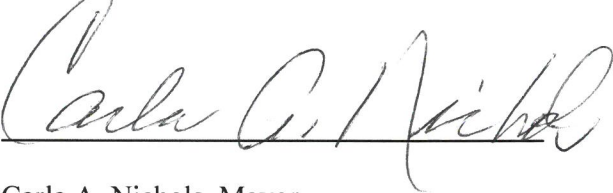
bill is due~~the last day of the month~~ and the account becomes delinquent, a penalty of five dollars per month shall be added to any outstanding balance until the bill is paid in full.

C.D. All final prorated stormwater utility bills shall be due 30 days after the issuance date. In the event any final utility payment is not received by close of business on the 35<sup>th</sup> calendar day after issuance and the account becomes delinquent, a penalty of five dollars per month shall be added to any outstanding balance until the bill is paid in full.

Section 2. If any part or portion of this Ordinance is declared invalid for any such reason, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect any remaining portion. This Ordinance shall take effect 5 days after date of publication by ordinance title only.

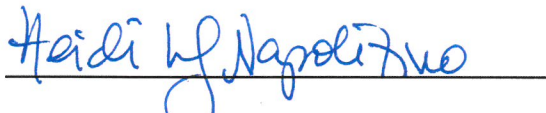
PASSED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2019 by the Town Council of the Town of Woodway.

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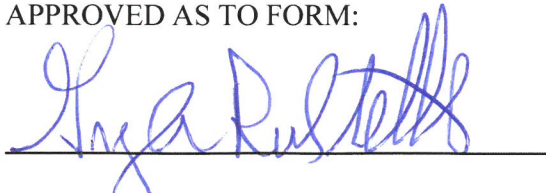
Carla A. Nichols, Mayor

ATTEST:



Heidi K. S. Napolitano, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Greg Rubstello, Town Attorney

Date Passed by the Town Council: 19 August 2019

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