

RESOLUTION 2013-1

A RESOLUTION AMENDING ORDINANCE 654, SECTION 3(3), METER READING UNAVAILABLE, TO INCLUDE UTILIZATION OF LAST KNOWN USAGE HISTORY FOR BILLING PURPOSES WHEN METER READING IS UNAVAILABLE

WHEREAS, the Town of Odessa Town Council approved and adopted Ordinance No. 654, Utility Billing and Collection Procedures; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 654 includes Section 3(3) Meter Reading Unavailable in regard to billing procedures which reads: For billing of water use at a property which the water meter or read out is not functioning, the water usage will be billed at the minimum usage rate for said water meter size at the said property; and

WHEREAS, the WA State Auditors' Office recently completed the audit for the Town and suggested, that for broken meters or readouts with a water usage history, the last known water usage history, for that property, continue to be utilized for billing purposes; and

WHEREAS, for the best interest of the Town, the Town of Odessa Town Council intends, by this resolution, to adopt the Auditor's recommendation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ODESSA, LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON, THAT the following will be utilized for utility billing purposes when current water meter reading(s) are unavailable;

- a) For billing of water use at a property which the water meter or read out is not functioning and there is no usage history available, the water usage will be billed at the minimum usage rate for said water meter size at the said property
- b) For billing of water use at a property which the water meter or read out is not functioning and there is a usage history available, water usage will be billed at a usage rate equal to each corresponding month of the last known water usage history.

All other ordinances and resolutions or parts thereof in conflict with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE ODESSA TOWN COUNCIL THIS 25th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2013.

Douglas Plinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gail Kiesz, Clerk-Treasurer