

# RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, authorizing a one-time amnesty program to bring delinquent water accounts current.

WHEREAS, a small number of water accounts have become more than two months delinquent; and

WHEREAS, at least some water customers with accounts more than two months delinquent have been under the mistaken but good faith belief that there will be no water shut-off or other actions taken to collect the delinquent accounts so long as at least half of their current, monthly water charges are paid each month; and

WHEREAS, the Council has now made it a priority to strictly enforce payment of water accounts, but seeks to avoid any unnecessary hardship to those water customers whose accounts have become delinquent, and who may be under the good faith but mistaken belief that they will not be subject to water shut-off or other actions to collect their delinquent accounts so long as they pay at least half of their current, monthly water charges, now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Garfield that the Town Clerk shall be and is authorized and directed to offer to all water customers with accounts two months or more delinquent the option to pay the delinquency over a period of three months, with no additional late fees being assessed during this period, without any suspension of water service, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) all current month water charges assessed during the three-month period must be paid before delinquency;
- (b) the delinquency must be paid in not more than three equal, successive monthly installments; and
- (c) each installment must be paid not later than the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month, with the first payment due April 10, 2008.

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that this option shall be offered on a one-time only basis, and only for the purpose of bringing current any water accounts that are now two months or more delinquent.

PASSED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

TOWN COUNCIL:

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APPROVED:

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Clerk