

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-06**

**AN ORINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHEELER, OREGON  
ALLOWING PROPERTY OWNERS TO REQUEST THAT BILLINGS FOR USER  
FEES BE IN TENANT’S NAMES**

WHEREAS the City of Wheeler, Oregon, is a utility provider for water services; and

WHEREAS the current City of Wheeler Code of Ordinances, Title V, Chapter 50, §50.22 (B) states that *“Responsibility of payment of bills.* The property owner of record shall be responsible for payment of all charges for service. The city shall submit billings for all user fees and charges to the property owner.”; and

WHEREAS the City of Wheeler wishes to allow property owners to request that billings for user fees and charges be in their tenant’s name and address;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Wheeler ordains as follows:

**Section 1.** *Responsibility of payment of bills.* The property owner of record shall have the ultimate responsibility for payment of all charges for service. The city shall submit billings for all user fees and charges to the property owner. At the property owner’s request, billings for user fees and charges may be submitted to the property owner’s occupying tenant, so long as the tenant is on an individual water meter installed at the expense of the property owner. Billings for user fees shall not be submitted to tenants on a shared water meter.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall repeal and replace Title V, Chapter 50, §50.22 (B) in the City of Wheeler Code of Ordinances.

First Reading on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Wheeler on this 19th day of December 2023.

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**CITY COUNCIL WHEELER, OREGON**

**Aye**

**Nay**

**Absent / Abstain**

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Karen Matthews, President

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Heidi Stacks, Councilor

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Gordon Taylor, Councilor

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Deanne Ragnell, Councilor

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Walt Porter, Councilor

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ATTEST: Clif Kemp, Mayor

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Pax Broder, City Manager