ORDINANCE 97-5 AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-7

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 96-7 PROVIDING FOR REGULATIONS REGARDING REFUNDING OF, AND THE WAIVING OF, DEPOSITS, AND ESTABLISHING SEPARATE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATES.

SECTION 1 - THE SECURITY DEPOSIT MAY BE REFUNDED AFTER ONE (1) YEAR IF THE ACCOUNT IS IN GOOD STANDING AND NO INVOLUNTARY DISCONNECTION NOTICES HAVE BEEN ISSUED IN A 12 MONTH TIME FRAME. REFUNDING OF THE DEPOSIT DOES NOT PRECLUDE REQUIRING A FUTURE DEPOSIT IF THE UTILITY BILL HAS BEEN DELINQUENT THREE MONTHS IN A TWELVE MONTH TIME FRAME, OR THE SERVICE WAS DISCONNECTED FOR NON-PAYMENT. THE DEPOSIT MAY BE RAISED TO A FOUR MONTH AVERAGE BILL IF THE CUSTOMER'S PAYMENT HISTORY INDICATES FREQUENT, RECENT, OR LARGE DELINQUENCIES.

SECTION 2 - CUSTOMERS IN GOOD STANDING (HAVING NO INVOLUNTARY DISCONNECTION NOTICES ISSUED IN A 12 MONTH TIME FRAME OR FREQUENT, RECENT, OR LARGE DELINQUENCIES) THAT ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL PROPERTY OR MOVE FROM ONE RESIDENCE TO ANOTHER IN JAMAICA BEACH, MAY HAVE THE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT WAIVED. HOWEVER, WAIVING THE DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT DOES NOT PRECLUDE REQUIRING A FUTURE DEPOSIT IF A UTILITY BILL BECOMES DELINQUENT THREE MONTHS IN A TWELVE MONTH TIME FRAME OR IF THE SERVICE HAS BEEN DISCONNECTED FOR NON-PAYMENT. THE DEPOSIT MAY BE RAISED TO A FOUR MONTHS AVERAGE BILL IF THE CUSTOMER'S PAYMENT HISTORY INDICATES FREQUENT, RECENT, OR LARGE DELINQUENCIES.

SECTION 3 - COMMERCIAL RATES FOR SEWER OVERAGE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED ON ALL NEW COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 1998, AS FOLLOWS: MINIMUM SEWER BILL OF \$32.35 FOR ZERO TO 5,000 GALLONS OF METERED WATER, PLUS AN OVERAGE CHARGE OF \$1.85 PER THOUSAND GALLONS OF METERED WATER OVER THE 5,000 GALLONS..

ALL ORDINANCES OF PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT OF SUCH CONFLICT ONLY.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE AND BECOME EFFECTIVE FROM AND AFTER THE DATE OF ITS ADOPTION.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JAMAICA BEACH ON THE 15 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1997.

MAYOR

CITY SECRETARY

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