## KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 90 KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON RESOLUTION NO. 998

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, establishing a billing, notice and "cut off" policy and procedure for delinquent accounts, together with establishment of a penalty for failing to make timely payments for connection charges and rate and charges for water supplied, together with annual interest thereon.

WHEREAS, the District has previously adopted by resolution its policy regarding the imposition of penalties and procedure for certifying delinquent accounts to the King County Auditor pursuant to RCW 57.08.081; and

WHEREAS, the District has the right to foreclose against those property owners whose rates or charges for services supplied, together with penalties thereon, are delinquent for a period of sixty (60) days as provided in RCW 57.08.081; and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that billing and notice procedures which includes a policy for cut off of all or part of the service after charges for water service supplied or available are delinquent for a period of sixty (60) days to be in the best interest of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that all accounts that are not paid within thirty (30) days of the District's billing statement are considered delinquent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has previously adopted by resolution its policy regarding the imposition of a late payment penalty being imposed for delinquent accounts; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has determined that where rates and charges for water supplied are delinquent for more than sixty (60) days, the delinquency shall be certified to the King County Auditor for recording or such other agency as hereinafter required by law, and shall be a lien against the property upon which the service was received in the amount of the charges, plus penalty, together with interest thereon at the rate of the prime lending rate of the District's bank plus four percentage points per annum.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF KING COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 90, AS FOLLOWS:

RESOLUTION NO. 998 Establishing a billing, notice and cut off policy for delinquent accounts - 1 <u>Section One:</u> That the following billing and notice procedure shall be utilized by King County Water District No. 90 for all accounts:

- A. Original Billing mailed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month, due on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of that month;
- B. Late Charge will not be assessed until the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month (30 days).
- C. Customers will be notified of their account delinquent status by automated phone call on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the following month (46 days).
- D. Meters shut off no later than the last day of the second month (60 days).

<u>Section Two:</u> The days outlined in Section One of this resolution are approximate. Actual scheduling will be dependent upon the date of the week any assessment or notice may actually fall. **Provided**, that in no event will meters be shut off any sooner than the fifty (50) day delinquent period provided for in this resolution.

<u>Section Three:</u> All billings for rates and charges for water supplied not paid within thirty (30) days of the District's billing statement shall be deemed delinquent.

Section Four: There shall be added to all delinquent amounts a penalty for a late payment (late fee) in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the delinquent amount.

Section Five: All delinquent amounts, together with the late fee set forth in Section Four, may be assessed interest at the rate of the prime lending rate of the District's bank plus four percentage points per annum.

Section Six: That the District Manager shall, for all accounts which are delinquent for a period of sixty (60) days or more, certify the delinquencies to the King County Auditor, or such other agency as may hereinafter be required by law; the certification including the charges, together with the late payment penalty, and a statement that interest accrues thereon at the rate of the prime lending rate of the District's bank plus four percentage points per annum. This shall constitute a lien against the real property.

<u>Section Seven:</u> The District Manager is hereby authorized to take such administrative steps as are reasonably necessary to implement and enforce the provisions of this resolution.

**Section Eight:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

Section Nine: Any and all other prior and existing District resolutions relating to billing, notice, cutoff policy and penalties and interest on delinquent accounts are hereby revised, modified, and superseded to be in accordance with the changes set forth herein.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Commissioners of King County Water District No. 90, King County, Washington, at their regular open public meeting thereof held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015.