



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING**

#13-0033

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: January 8, 2013

TITLE: ORDINANCE – Introduce on first reading Code Amendment to the City’s Code of Ordinances’ Chapter 28, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater, Section 28-76 - sewer credit to be issued for commercial accounts when an excessive consumption is the result of a known water leak.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve on first reading Code Amendment to the City’s Code of Ordinances’ Chapter 28, Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater, Section 28-76, sewer credit to be issued for commercial accounts when an excessive consumption is the result of a known water leak.

Background

On June 19, and July 5, 2012 the City Commission approved an amendment to Chapter 28 of the City’s Code of Ordinances allowing for an adjustment to the rate charged for water and sewer services on both residential and irrigation accounts which experienced a known water leak.

The adjustment provided some relief to our neighbors in the event of a water leak, by modifying the rate applied to the excessive usage quantity. The result is a credit applied to the account.

While the adopted ordinance amendment provided relief to our residential customers, it omitted commercial customers from receiving similar relief. This proposed ordinance change provides some relief to our commercial accounts who experience a known water leak but water does not enter the sewer system.

In order to be eligible for any adjustment, water consumption of an unusually large volume must be recorded by an accurate commercial meter, which consumption is the result of a leak in the consumer’s water system, and such consumption results in a loss of water which did not enter the sewer system, the City Manager or designee may, upon receipt of a sworn affidavit from the customer requesting the leak adjustment, and a sworn affidavit

from a licensed plumber that a leak in the customer's water system has been repaired, reduce or credit the customer's water commodity charge by averaging the prior twelve month consumption and crediting the difference.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 - Ordinance

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