



Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND: The Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Rockford Homes for over-payment of sewer charges (Account 256173-1105909). The customer has a credit balance of \$27,823.47 due to an adjustment on the account resulting from a leak found at the property's curb box on the main line. Rockford Homes contacted the Department of Public Utilities concerning their bill. Inspectors from the Department of Public Utilities confirmed leaks at the property, after the meter, causing higher than anticipated bills to the customer. It was determined that 100% of the water from these leaks went into the ground. There was an adjustment of the sewer charges from November 3, 2009 to September 30, 2010 because the water went underground and not into the sewer system. The adjustment of the sewer charges total \$32,690.75 from 11/03/09 to 09/30/10. Due to the fact this account has completed additional billing cycles since the adjustment the total refund that they are entitled to is \$27,823.47.

It is requested that this legislation be handled in an emergency manner in order to reimburse the customer at the earliest possible date.

Contract Compliance is not required as this refund is necessary to our customer to whom we have agreed to provide water services.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no budgetary impact because we are returning a portion of funds the customer paid. Revenues are not significantly impacted by this legislation.

To authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse Rockford Homes for over-payment of sewer charges, to authorize a revenue reduction transaction of \$27,823.47 and to declare an emergency. (\$27,823.47)

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Utilities recommends reimbursement to Rockford Homes for over-payment of sewer consumption, and

WHEREAS, the adjustment was made after the customer paid for 13,580 CCF's of sewer consumption when they should have been charged 3,886 CCF's of sewer consumption since 11/03/09, and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists in the usual daily operation of the Department of Public Utilities, in that it is immediately necessary to authorize the Director of Public Utilities to reimburse the Rockford Homes for sewer charges, in an emergency manner in order to reimburse them at the earliest possible date, for the immediate preservation of public health, peace, property and safety; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Director of Public Utilities be and is hereby authorized to reimburse Rockford Homes sewer charges.

Section 2. That a revenue reduction transaction in the total amount of \$27,823.47 or as much thereof as may be needed is hereby authorized from:

Sewerage System Operating Fund 650, Dept. 60-05, \$27,823.47

Section 3. That for reasons stated in the preamble hereto, which is hereby made a part hereof, this Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor, or ten days after passage if the Mayor neither approves nor vetoes the same.

