

CITY of REPUBLIC

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Exhibit O

AGENDA ITEM STAFF ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: Bill No. 06-91 an Ordinance of the City of Republic Amending Section 705.060 "Utility Billing, Adjustments".

Submitted By: David Brock, Public Works Director
Alderman Brian Buckner

Date: May 10, 2004

Issue Statement

The adoption of an ordinance that reduces the number of billing cycles over which adjustments due to a leak may be applied to sewer service and which specifies that adjustments for a leaks may only be applied once within a calendar year.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Current ordinances are not consistent on what billing adjustments are allowed in the event of a leak in the customers piping. For water billings, only one leak event per year is allowed. For adjustments to sewer it is not specified how many leak "events" can occur and adjustments made. Current ordinances also specify that sewer adjustments can span up to four billing cycles.

This Bill, if adopted, will provide a more consistent approach when billing adjustments are made due to a leak on the customers piping. For both water and sewer, only one adjustment may be made per calendar year and the adjustment may only be applied to one billing cycle.

It should be noted that sewer adjustments are applied only if the leakage did not enter the sewer system and is applied only to customers billed on actual usage, not residential customers that are on a sewer average.

Recommended Action

David Brock, Public Works Director respectfully recommends approval of the first reading of Bill No. 06-91.