

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-1035

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MABTON, WASHINGTON, AMENDING MABTON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD PROVISION FOR SERVICE CHARGES FOR CHECKS RETURNED NONSUFFICIENT FUNDS OR OTHER ERRORS.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 35A.12 RCW, the City Council is charged with legislative authority of the City of Mabton; and

WHEREAS, the City shall institute a charge of Thirty Five Dollars (\$35.00) payable by the maker of any check returned to the City for insufficient funds; nonsufficient funds, stop payment or other wrongful dishonor of said check. The charge is to reimburse the City for charges imposed for bank fees and administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the City may exercise the right to refuse further checks and require alternative form of payment or assurance from any person or entity that has issued two or more dishonored checks in any one year period. Payments may be accepted in the form of cash, certified or cashier's check or money order; and

WHEREAS, the City may terminate service if the payment for the nonsufficient funds have not been paid in full within five (5) business days after written notice has been served or mailed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Mabton, as follows: That the following provision be added to Mabton Municipal Code as Section 13.04.545:

13.04.545. NSF Charge. Any payment that is returned for lack of sufficient funds or for any other reason will not be considered received until payment by certified check, money order, or cash of the original amount due, plus a "non-sufficient funds" (NSF) charge of Thirty-five Dollars (\$35.00) is received by City Clerk/Treasurer. Any licensee issued upon payment with NSF check will be considered void, and shall be returned to City Clerk/Treasurer.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days after its passage, approval, and publication, as provided by law.

**PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MABTON,
WASHINGTON, THIS 8th day of July, 2014.**

MAYOR: _____



Mario Martinez

ATTEST: Tanya Gaston
Tanya Gaston
Mabton City Clerk/
Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Jamie Carmody
Jamie Carmody, City Attorney