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ORDINANCE NO. 3375

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE EDMONDS CITY CODE SECTION 3.50.020 TO INCREASE THE INSUFFICIENT CHECK CHARGE TO \$30.00 AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

WHEREAS, the City of Edmonds has established charges for Insufficient funds checks, and

WHEREAS, that charge was last updated in 1997, and

WHEREAS, the staff has conducted a survey indicating that insufficient funds check charges in other cities and institutions run from \$25.00 to \$30.00, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the charge which it makes for insufficient funds and other returned checks from \$18.00 to \$30.00, believing that that figure best reflects the funds necessary to recover to the City the staff time spent processing such checks; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.50.020 of the Edmonds City Code Charges –Insufficient Funds and Other Returned Checks is hereby amended to read as follows:

3.50.020 Charges—Insufficient Funds and Other Returned Checks.

A charge of \$30.00 shall be assessed against any person who has made a payment to the City by check for any fee or charge when such check is returned by the bank against whom it has been drawn due to insufficient funds on account, closure of the account or any other reason resulting in the non-payment of the check. The \$30.00 fee shall be paid prior to the application to any payment against the fee or charge initially assessed. Nothing herein shall be interpreted to limit or prohibit the City from collecting reasonable attorney's fees or other collection costs in the event that it is forced to collect the account through a judicial remedy, nor to prohibit the Administrative Services Director from waiving such a charge for persons qualifying as low income citizens under the provisions of ECC 7.30.070.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance, being an exercise of a power specifically delegated to the City legislative body, is not subject to referendum, and shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

APPROVED:

MAYOR GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY _____
W. SCOTT SNYDER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 11/27/2001

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 11/27/2001

PUBLISHED: 12/02/2001

EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/07/2001

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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3375

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

On the 27th day of November, 2001, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3375. A summary of the content of said ordinance, consisting of the title, provides as follows:

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The full text of this Ordinance will be mailed upon request.

DATED this 28th day of November, 2001.

CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE