

ORDINANCE NO. 5481

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING WATER BILL REBATES FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF CERTAIN WATER CONSERVING APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES BY ADDING SECTION 13.04.655 TO THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City has established a water utility to provide for the distribution of water within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the importance of protecting the community's water resources through maximizing the efficiency of its water distribution system and implementation of water conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the City can save operational costs by producing less water; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that significant amounts of water are wasted through the use of older appliances and fixtures which are inefficient; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interests of the City of Rapid City to encourage its water utility customers to install newer more efficient appliances and fixtures by adding Section 13.04.655 to Chapter 13.04 of the Rapid City Municipal Code.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City of Rapid City that Chapter 13.04 of the Rapid City Municipal Code shall be amended by adding Section 13.04.655 to read as follows:

13.04.655 Rebate for the purchase and installation of certain appliances and fixtures.

The City authorizes the payment of a cash rebate for the installation of certain appliances and fixtures which will decrease the amount of water used by the City's water customers. The rebates will apply to new, locally purchased devices, which replace older, inefficient devices ~~in existing buildings~~. It will not apply to ~~installation of devices in new construction or~~ the replacement of a device that is already determined to be a high efficiency device. The rebates will be paid directly to the customer upon submittal of the required documentation and confirmation of its accuracy. Rebates are provided on a first come, first served basis and are subject to the availability of ~~appropriated funds by the City Council~~. If no funds are available, no rebate payment will be made. Any customer who accepts a rebate payment under this section does so under the following conditions:

1. That they will maintain the device(s) installed so they operate properly and will not alter them in any way to defeat the intended goal of water conservation;

2. They agree to allow the City to inspect the device to confirm that it is properly installed, in operational condition and otherwise conforms to the requirements of this Section, prior to payment of the rebate;

3. They agree to dispose of the device which is being replaced in a manner consistent with good environmental practice and agree not to re-sell or otherwise allow re-use of the device.

If the customer refuses to comply with these terms, no rebate will be authorized. If the customer has already been paid the rebate they will be required to refund it. If the customer refuses to refund the rebate within thirty (30) days, it may be added to their water bill. The following devices are subject to a rebate:

A. *Toilets*. The City will rebate the price of purchase and installation of an efficient 1.6 gallon or less per flush toilet to replace inefficient toilets manufactured prior to 1992 ~~with an efficient 1.6 gallon per flush toilet~~. This is limited to the replacement of toilets in residential properties. The toilet must be new and locally purchased. A receipt for purchase of the device must be attached to the application form. The City will not provide rebates for toilets in new construction, additions, or for the replacement of existing 1.6 gallon or less per flush toilets. The rebate amount shall be as follows:

1. Single Family Homes - the actual purchase and installation price up to \$75 for the first toilet, \$60 for the second toilet and \$50 per each additional toilet;

2. Multiple-Family Dwellings - the actual purchase and installation price up to \$50 per toilet installed.

B. *Clothes Washer*. The City will rebate \$125 toward the purchase of an approved high efficiency clothes washer for any single family residential utility customer. The clothes washer must be new and locally purchased. A receipt for purchase of the device must be attached to the application form. ~~The City will not provide rebates for clothes washers in new construction, additions, or for the replacement of devices which are determined to already be high efficiency devices.~~ The Director of Public Works or their designee will develop a list of approved high efficiency devices.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Mayor

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