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Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**STAFF REPORT**  
For the Meeting of February 12, 2024

**Title/Subject**

Ordinance No. 2355 – An Ordinance Amending Chapters 51 and 52 of the Hermiston Municipal Code by Increasing the Due and Payable Date for Sewer, Water, and Solid Waste Bills from within Ten Days to Twenty Days

**Summary and Background**

Currently under Chapters 51 and 52 of the Hermiston Municipal Code, bills for water, sewage, and solid waste services are due and payable within ten days of issuance and all bills that are not paid within ten days of issuance are considered delinquent and an additional charge imposed. Delays in mail service have increased the time it takes for bills to reach customers and has cut down on the amount of time customers have to return payment before becoming delinquent. To assist city customers, the Finance Department has requested an amendment to the Municipal Code to extending the due and payable date of sewer, water, and solid waste bills from ten days to twenty days.

**Tie-In to Council Goals**

N/A

**Fiscal Information**

N/A

**Alternatives and Recommendation**

**Alternatives**

1. Adopt Ordinance No. 2355
2. Amend Ordinance No. 2355
3. Reject Ordinance No. 2355
4. Table and request more information

**Recommended Action/Motion**

Motion to adopt Ordinance No 2355 as proposed.

**Submitted By:**

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