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**ORDINANCE NO. 3531**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EDMONDS, WASHINGTON, AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF ECDC 3.20.050 TO ADD A NEW PARAGRAPH F IMPOSING A TAX OF FIVE AND THREE-QUARTERS PERCENT ON THE GROSS INCOME OF THE CITY'S WATER UTILITY, AND FIXING A TIME WHEN THE SAME SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE.

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WHEREAS, the City has imposed a surcharge on its water customers equivalent to the utility tax charged to other utilities, and

WHEREAS, the City Council deems it appropriate to better account for such charges which are in the nature of, and were intended as, a utility tax by changing the existing designation to better comport with the nature of the charge, and

WHEREAS, by doing so, no new revenue or tax is created, rather this enactment merely clarifies transfers from the utility to the General Fund, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Edmonds City Code Section 3.20.050 Occupation Subject to Tax -

Amounts is hereby amended to read as follows:

**3.20.050 Occupation Subject to Tax - Amounts.**

Sellers of electricity, gas, water, sewer, cable television and telephone services shall be subject to the taxes imposed by this chapter. There are levied upon, and shall be collected from, every person, firm, corporation or other entity on account of the business activities, license and occupation taxes in the amounts to be

determined by the application of the rates against gross income as follows:

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**H. City Water Utility.**

The City of Edmonds, as the seller of water services, shall be subject to the tax imposed by this chapter. The water utility shall pay a license tax or fee equal to five and three-quarters percent on the gross income from the City's water utility.

Section 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect sixty (60) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title as provided in RCW 35.21.865.

APPROVED:

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MAYOR GARY HAAKENSEN

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY:

BY 

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W. SCOTT SNYDER

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: 01/14/2005  
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 01/18/2005  
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EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/24/2005  
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**SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO. 3531**

of the City of Edmonds, Washington

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On the 18<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005, the City Council of the City of Edmonds, passed Ordinance No. 3531. 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2005.

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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE