



Finance Committee Meeting

AGENDA

November 6, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. MATTERS BEFORE COMMITTEE

1. [Tampering Policy Amendment](#)

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Item:

Tampering Policy Amendment

Department:

Additional Information:

Financial Impact:

Budgeted Item:

Recommendation / Request:

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 [Tampering Policy](#)

Need motion to delete the contents of Section 1.8 Meter Tampering of the Payment Policies & Procedures for Utilities, and replace with:

Proposed:

1.8 METER TAMPERING

Sec. 98-22 (Unlawful Use) of the Monroe Code of Ordinances shall apply.

(No person, other than employees of the city, shall be authorized to connect, turn on, turn off or disconnect any utility service offered by the city, or remove, replace or repair any equipment connected to any such utility service.)

Current Policy:

1.8 METER TAMPERING

All utility meters and CATV lines are the property of the City. For safety reasons, this property should only be handled by the City's authorized personnel.

Any unauthorized attachment, reconnection, disconnection, or enhancements to City property is considered tampering and theft of utility services.

Tampering with your utility and/or CATV service connections can be extremely dangerous and is a serious offense. Any indication of tampering will be handled as follows:

First Offense: A \$500.00 first offense meter investigation charge will be assessed. Service usage during the time of the tampering will be estimated and charged to the customer as well. The tampering will be documented and the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

The charges above, as well as any other past due balances must be paid in full before the City will reconnect services. At the discretion of City management, charges could be forwarded to the local court system.

Second Offense: A \$1,000.00 second offense meter investigation charge will be assessed. Service usage during the time of the tampering will be estimated and charged to the customer as well. The tampering will be documented and the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

The charges above, as well as any other past due balances, must be paid in full before the City will reconnect services. It is the intention of the City to prosecute any party responsible for tampering to this extent.

Third Offense: A \$1,500.00 third offense meter investigation charge will be assessed. Service usage during the time of the tampering will be estimated and charged to the customer as well. The tampering will be documented and the local law enforcement agency will be notified.

The charges above, as well as any other past due balances must be paid in full before the City will reconnect services. It is the intention of the City to prosecute any party responsible for tampering to this extent. This is done to discourage such activity, and to limit the cost of such activity from being passed on to our law-abiding customers.