



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: March 18, 2015

Sponsored by Council Members: Motsavage, Rennia, Papastrat, Mihalko, Berg, Matzo, Webb

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING
ADJUSTMENTS TO WATER BILLS FOR
PROPERTY OWNERS THAT LOST WATER
SERVICE OR WERE ASKED TO RUN WATER

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton suffered from unprecedented cold temperatures this winter, resulting in numerous frozen water pipes; and

WHEREAS, the City's Water Department maintained a list of residents who (i) had frozen water pipes, (ii) the Water Department specifically directed to run their water to protect water lines from freezing, (iii) agreed to a house to house connection to provide neighbors with water; and

WHEREAS, some residents retained a private firm to open frozen water pipes; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to adjust the water bills for such residents as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Treasurer is authorized to adjust water bills for those residents on the list maintained by the City's Water Department who (i) had frozen water pipes, (ii) the Water Department specifically directed to run their water to protect water lines from freezing or (iii) agreed to a house to house connection to provide neighbors with water.

Section 2. That the Treasurer is authorized to adjust water bills for residents who provide a copy of a paid receipt to a private firm to open frozen water pipes.

Section 3. That the Treasurer will credit the residents who qualify under Section 1 or 2 above with the difference between the amount of the water bill dated April, May, June, or July 2015 and the amount of the water bill for the same time period in the previous year (e.g., if the water bill in May 2015 was \$150 and the water bill in May 2014 is \$100, then the credit is \$50).

Section 4. That this credit is for the water bill only and will not reduce the amount of the sewer bill.

Section 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy
of the legislation adopted by the Council
of the City of Binghamton at a meeting
held on 4/18/15. Approved by the
Mayor on 4/18/15



Introductory No. O15-16

Permanent No. O15-17

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The within Ordinance was adopted by the Council of
the City of Binghamton.

Date April 8, 2015

City Clerk Jenny Pellato

Date Presented to Mayor April 9, 2015

Date Approved 4/9/15

Mayor Michael D'Amico

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Motsavage	✓			
Mihalko	✓			
Rennia	✓			
Webb	✓			
Papastrat	✓			
Matzo	✓			
Berg	✓			
Total	7	0	0	0

Code of the City of Binghamton

Adopted Defeated

7 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Abstain 0 Absent