

ORDINANCE NO. 2016-01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 58 UTILITIES; AMENDING MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY OF RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Hilliard has found it necessary to enact the following ordinance amending multiple occupancy of commercial property to encourage medical professionals to offer professional medical services within the Town limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Town Council of the Town of Hilliard, Florida that the following Section of the Hilliard Town Code, Chapter 58, Utilities, shall be amended as follows:

Section 1.

Sec. 58-50. Multiple occupancy of residential and commercial property.

(a) Except as set forth in paragraph (b) w When more than one business entity or residences occupies a commercial or residential property that is currently connected to a single water meter, and it is not in the best interest of the property owner to re-plumb or add additional connections to the town's water and/or sewer system; each business entity or residences shall be considered a separate user of the town's water and/or sewer system. Each commercial or residential property jointly occupied by more than one business entity or residences shall be billed a user fee for each additional business entity or residences. "Residence" shall be defined in this subsection to mean that place in which a person is actually domiciled, which is the residence of an individual or family. For the purposes of this section, a dwelling with its own electric meter shall be considered a separate residence whether occupied or not.

(b) In accordance with the policy of the Town of Hilliard to encourage medical professionals to offer professional medical services within the town limits, medical doctors will not be considered "separate users" for the purpose of billing the user fee, and instead the commercial facility will be billed one additional user fee, if (1) more than one medical doctor occupies a single commercial property for the purpose of providing professional medical services to the public, and (2) each of those medical doctors maintains his or her own established practice outside of town limits and considers the commercial facility to be a part-time, branch office, and (3) all medical doctors provide their professional services at the commercial facility for a combined total of 20 or fewer days per month. If the combined total exceeds 20 days per month, one additional user fee shall be billed for each combined total 20-day increment. For purposes of this exception, a "day" is defined as any amount of time a particular medical doctor provides professional services at the commercial facility on a single calendar day. To qualify for this exception, each medical doctor shall provide a written schedule of the number of days he or she expects to provide medical services at the commercial facility, which shall be submitted with the payment of the annual local business tax.

Section 2.

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage.

Adopted this 1st day of September, 2016, by the Hilliard Town Council, Hilliard, Florida.

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Council President

ATTEST:

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