## **ORDINANCE NO. 236-15**

## AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 1.12, FEES AND CHARGES, TO TITLE 1, ADMINISTRATION, OF THE IRRIGON MUNICIPLAL CODE (IMC) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS,** the City Charter authorizes the City of Irrigon to exercise authority within the city over matters of City concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Irrigon provides a variety of services to the public and it is common for cities to charge fees for some services to help recover the costs of providing such services; and

WHEREAS, varying fees and processes are listed separately throughout the Irrigon Municipal Code (IMC); and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City of Irrigon to provide a uniform and consistent process by superseding and consolidating all current and future fees into one location;

## NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IRRIGON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Ordinance Identified – Adds Chapter 1.12

Section 2: Adds Section 1.12.1 Section 3: Adds Section 1.12.2 Section 4: Emergency Declared

Section 5: Effective Date

<u>Section 1.</u> This Ordinance shall be known, and may be cited, by the title. This ordinance adds Chapter 1.12, Fees and Charges to Title 1, Administration, of the IMC.

<u>Section 2.</u> Section 1.12.1, Master Fee Resolution Established, is added to Chapter 1.12, Fees and Charges, to read as follows:

Unless considerations of convenience, clarity, ease of reference, or similar factors dictate otherwise, all rates, fees, charges, deposits, refunds, reimbursements and penalties imposed or collected by the City, except where required by law to be otherwise set, shall be designated and set forth in the Master Fee Resolution, as may be amended by the City Council from time to time. Wherever practicable throughout this code, reference shall be made to the Master Fee Resolution in lieu of any reference to specific rates, fees, charges, deposits, refunds, reimbursements and penalties.

<u>Section 3.</u> Section 1.12.2, Deposits of funds received, is added to Chapter 1.12, Irrigon Fee and Charges, to read as follows:

All funds collected from fees, charges, deposits, refunds, reimbursements and penalties established by the Master Fee Resolution, shall be received by City staff and shall be deposited into the appropriate accounts within their respective funds.

<u>Section 4. Declaration of Emergency.</u> The City Council declares that an emergency exists in order that no delay in implementing this ordinance and for improved processing of fees and charges.

<u>Section 5. Effective Date</u> Therefore the Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage by the City Council.

Passed by the Council this 17th day of March, 2015

Approved by:

Sam Heath Sam Heath, Mayor

Attested to:

Aaron Palmquist, City Manager