

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS BETWEEN FIRST & SECOND READING

Ordinance 2025-013 — Utility Rate Ordinance

For Inclusion in the Town Council Packet

Several substantive changes were made to Ordinance 2025-013 between the **First Reading on November 4, 2025** and the **Second Reading on November 18, 2025**. The following summarizes all content-level revisions incorporated into the final draft.

1. Monthly Water Meter Base Rates Adjusted (Lowered)

All **Monthly Water Meter Base Rates** were updated and **reduced** from the amounts listed in the First Reading.

Rates were recalculated for all meter sizes and for both in-town and out-of-town customers.

2. Monthly Ready-to-Serve Fee Increased

The **Ready-to-Serve Fee** was adjusted upward in the Second Reading to:

- **In-Town:** \$35.65
 - **Out-of-Town:** \$44.56
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3. Monthly Water Usage Rate Adjusted

The per-1,000-gallon usage rate was modified as follows:

- **Residential, Commercial, and Industrial:**
Lowered from \$2.50 to \$2.30
 - **Out-of-Town Usage Rate:**
Adjusted according to the out-of-town multiplier (125%), reflecting the new \$2.30 base.
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4. Monthly Fire Suppression Readiness-to-Serve Fee Lowered

Fire suppression readiness fees were reduced in the Second Reading draft for applicable meter sizes.

5. Water Meter Replacement Fee Added

A new monthly fee was added:

- **Water Meter Replacement Fee: \$2.00 per month**

This fee did not appear in the First Reading and is a newly added line item intended to support long-term meter replacement planning.

6. Monthly Sewer Base Rate Structure Updated

The sewer rate calculation method was revised:

- **First Reading:** Sewer base rate was tied to meter size.
- **Second Reading:** Sewer base rate is now calculated **per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU)**.

This represents a structural change in how sewer billing is determined.

7. Reimbursement Language Relocated and Formalized

The reimbursement requirement (cost + 30%) was moved out of the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and placed into its own dedicated Reimbursement section.

This clarifies that property owners must reimburse the Town when the Town performs work or provides parts outside the Town's responsibilities.

8. Civil Penalties Moved and Clarified

Civil penalties were removed from the Miscellaneous Fee Schedule and formalized as a stand-alone section.

The section now specifies:

- Civil penalties apply when referenced in the Utility Procedure Ordinance
 - Penalties may not exceed \$750 per day per violation
 - Each day a violation continues may count as a separate offense
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