

**CITY OF MERCER ISLAND
RESOLUTION NO. 1563**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON
PROVIDING FOR CLASSIFICATIONS OF WATER USERS; SETTING A
BI-MONTHLY SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER USAGE
AND FIRE SERVICE; AND SETTING A SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICE
CHARGES, METER INSTALLATION CHARGES, AND CONNECTION
CHARGES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 AND THEREAFTER.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island provides water service to customers; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mercer Island is authorized to set rates and charges for the Utility under Chapter 15.12 of the Mercer Island City Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classifications of Water Users Effective January 1, 2020

The following classifications of users are hereby adopted by the City for the City water system effective January 1, 2020, and thereafter.

- A. Single Family.** "Single Family" shall mean a residential structure or dwelling as defined in the City of Mercer Island Zoning Code, capable of being conveyed by separate title, served by a single domestic water meter. Provided, that where prior to December 1, 1980, more than one single family dwelling was served through a single common water meter, such service shall be allowed to continue under the "Single Family" classification until such time as the property or properties are subdivided into separate parcels, or when a higher demand for water service, as determined by the City, is required by a change in use or zoning.
- B. Low Income.** "Low Income" shall mean a person who shows satisfactory proof that he or she is living in a single family residence, and has a maximum annual income of not more than seventy percent (70%) of the Washington State median income as applicable for the number of individuals in the household as computed annually by the State or City. Applicants shall provide such data as to verify eligibility, upon forms provided by and in the manner determined by the City of Mercer Island.
- C. Multi-Family.** "Multi-Family" shall mean a residential structure or facility designed and/or used to house two or more families living independently of each other, including but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings and condominiums, but shall not include hotels and motels.
- D. Commercial.** "Commercial" shall mean a structure or facility designed and/or used to conduct business and commerce, including but not limited to, motels, hotels, professional, private schools, industrial, churches and all other commercial/business users.
- E. Public.** "Public" shall mean structures and facilities used by governmental entities including the state, county, City of Mercer Island and other municipal corporations of the state and public schools of the Mercer Island School District.

- F. **Irrigation.** "Irrigation" shall mean all meters used for the purpose of watering shrubbery, lawns, flower beds, gardens, ornamentals and the like.

Section 2. Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water Usage and Fire Service Effective January 1, 2020

- A. **Rates.** The bi-monthly rates for metered water supplied by the City of Mercer Island for each one hundred (100) cubic feet of water consumed are set forth below:

| Residential Bimonthly Water Rates | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Fixed Charge | Volume Charge | | | |
| Class | Per Meter Equivalent* | Block 1 (0-10 ccf) | Block 2 (11-20 ccf) | Block 3 (21-30 ccf) | Block 4 (31+ ccf) |
| Single Family Residential | \$36.89 | \$4.38 | \$7.40 | \$8.89 | \$11.96 |
| Low-Income Residential | \$36.89 | \$1.10 | \$1.85 | \$2.22 | \$2.99 |
| Conservation Surcharge** | | | | \$0.10 | \$0.30 |
| | Fixed Charge | Volume Charge | | | |
| Class | Per Meter Equivalent* | All Use (0-99+ ccf) | | | |
| Multi-Family Residential | \$36.89 | \$6.49 | | | |

* Meter Equivalents are summarized in a following table. The total meter equivalent charge is based on the meter size and is calculated by multiplying the meter equivalents by the per meter equivalent rate.

** A surcharge of \$0.10 per ccf for single family residential bimonthly usage between and including 21 and 30 ccf, and \$0.30 per ccf for bimonthly usage in excess of 30 ccf, shall be included in the rates as an incentive to conserve and may be used to fund conservation education. This surcharge shall apply on consumption of water from June 1 through September 30.

| Non-Residential Bimonthly Water Rates | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Fixed Charge | Volume Charge | |
| Class | Per Meter Equivalent* | Winter** (All Usage) | Summer** (All Usage) |
| Commercial/Public | \$ 36.89 | \$ 4.03 | \$ 10.01 |
| Irrigation | \$ 36.89 | \$ 6.03 | \$ 12.67 |

* Meter Equivalents are summarized in a following table. The total meter equivalent charge is based on the meter size and is calculated by multiplying the meter equivalents by the per meter equivalent rate.

** Seasons: Summer is June 1 through September 30; October 1 through May 31 is winter.

| Table of Meter Equivalents and Fixed Charges | | |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Meter Size | Meter Equivalent | Fixed Charge |
| 3/4 Inch or Smaller | 1.0 | \$ 36.89 |
| 1 Inch | 2.5 | \$ 92.23 |
| 1-1/2 Inch | 5.0 | \$ 184.45 |
| 2 Inch | 8.0 | \$ 295.12 |
| 3 Inch | 16.0 | \$ 590.24 |
| 4 Inch | 25.0 | \$ 922.25 |
| 6 Inch | 50.0 | \$ 1,844.50 |

- B. Fire Service Rates.** There is hereby established a schedule of rates for fire service which are the minimum monthly service charges for fire protection purposes exclusively for any two months, or fractional part thereof, as follows:

| Service Connection | Rate |
|--------------------|----------|
| 2 inch | \$ 34.60 |
| 3 inch | \$ 34.60 |
| 4 inch | \$ 43.70 |
| 5 inch | \$ 43.70 |
| 8 inch | \$ 61.95 |

- C. Rates for Unauthorized Use.** Water taken through unauthorized connections to the City water system shall be charged at double the rates set forth above based on the applicable "Classification of User" from the date of the commencement of such unauthorized use.

Section 3. Special Service Charges, Meter Installation Charges and Connection Charges Effective January 1, 2020

The following special service charges, meter installation charges, and connection charges are hereby adopted by the City.

- A. Special Service Charges.** There is hereby established a schedule of service charges to recover operating costs incurred in establishing new accounts, changes in occupancy, special service requests by customers, delinquent account collections and processing of NSF checks as follows:

| Service Charge | Fee |
|--|-----------|
| New water set-up fee (meter reading) | \$ 40.00 |
| Water shut-off, requested by user, during normal working hours | \$ 30.00 |
| Water shut-off, requested by user, after hours | \$ 170.00 |
| Non-payment dorr hanger notification (each occurrence) | \$ 25.00 |
| Non-payment water turn on/turn off, normal working hours | \$ 80.00 |
| Non-payment water turn on/turn off, after hours | \$ 195.00 |
| Locked water meter due to theft | \$ 25.00 |
| Non-sufficeint funds (check handling fee) | \$ 40.00 |

- B. Meter Installation Charges.** There is hereby established a schedule of meter installation charges for connection of new meters to the City water system, and for changes to water service where the previous type of use has been changed or increased as follows: For meters of all sizes, the charge will be based on the actual cost of installation. A deposit is required, based on the estimated cost, and is collected at the time of permitting the work.
- C. Connection Charges.** There is hereby established a schedule of connection charges for the installation of water service to property not previously served or for the installation of water service for an additional type of use and/or increase in meter size as follows:

| Meter Size | Connection Charge |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| 3/4 Inch or Smaller | \$ 2,551 |
| 1 Inch | 6,377 |
| 1-1/2 Inch | 12,754 |
| 2 Inch | 20,407 |
| 3 Inch | 40,813 |
| 4 Inch | 63,771 |
| 6 Inch | 127,542 |

Connection charges are studied periodically and adjusted for inflation in years between studies. The inflation factor applied is CPI-W First Half for Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue.

For meter upsizes, the difference in the connection charge between the new meter size and the old meter size will be charged.

The provisions of this section shall not be construed to apply to additional water service for fire protection purposes.

Section 4. Effective Date

This resolution shall take effect and be in force on and after January 1, 2020. Nothing contained herein shall affect the amount of collection of rates, fees, and charges established prior to January 1, 2020.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCER ISLAND, WASHINGTON AT ITS REGULAR MEETING ON THE 19TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

Debbie Bertlin, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah A. Estrada, City Clerk