

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA AMENDING SECTION 21-113 OF CHAPTER 21 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA, CONTINGENT ON VOTER APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. O-2122-35, INCREASING THE MONTHLY BASE FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL METERED USERS FROM SIX DOLLARS (\$6.00) TO SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$7.80); INCREASING THE MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL METERED USERS FROM THREE DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (\$3.35) TO FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$4.20) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR THE FIRST 5,000 GALLONS OF WATER, FROM FOUR DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS (\$4.10) TO FIVE DOLLARS AND FIFTEEN CENTS (\$5.15) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR WATER USAGE BETWEEN 5,001 AND 15,000 GALLONS, FROM FIVE DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$5.20) TO SIX DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$6.50) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR WATER USAGE BETWEEN 15,001 AND 20,000 GALLONS, AND FROM SIX DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$6.80) TO EIGHT DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$8.50) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR WATER USAGE OVER 20,000 GALLONS; INCREASING THE MONTHLY BASE FEE FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE FROM SIX DOLLARS (\$6.00) TO SEVEN DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$7.80); INCREASING THE WATER RATES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED USERS FROM THREE DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$3.80) TO FOUR DOLLARS AND THIRTY-FIVE CENTS (\$4.35) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR WATER USAGE UP TO SUCH CUSTOMER'S AVERAGE WINTER CONSUMPTION AS DEFINED HEREIN AND FROM FOUR DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS (\$4.20) TO FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTY CENTS (\$4.80) PER THOUSAND GALLONS FOR WATER USAGE EXCEEDING SUCH NON-RESIDENTIAL METERED USER'S AVERAGE WINTER CONSUMPTION AS DEFINED HEREIN; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR SAID INCREASE SUBJECT TO VOTER APPROVAL; AND PROVIDING FOR THE SEVERABILITY THEREOF.

- § 1. WHEREAS, the rates for water service provided in the City of Norman and currently in effect in the City were last increased on January 13, 2015; and
- § 2. WHEREAS, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has mandated that the City of Norman begin disinfection of groundwater in order to maintain chlorine residual throughout the distribution system thereby necessitating the construction of a centralized facility with chemical systems, piping, pumps and tanks to meet this requirement, which will also allow for the incorporation of future treatment processes should more stringent future regulations require additional treatment of groundwater; and

- § 3. WHEREAS, the City desires to purchase and install new advanced meters that will timely and accurately measure water usage for customers to allow for accurate water billing, which will improve customer satisfaction and allow our customers to better manage their water usage, while also allowing the City to improve water conservation efforts, more efficiently use staff, and measure water service in a more environmentally friendly manner; and
- §4. WHEREAS, the City proposes to increase funding for the replacement of water mains, since the City's water system is comprised of approximately 630 miles of transmission and distribution mains, and over half of these mains are cast or ductile iron which experiences increased failures compared to other pipe materials due to soil corrosion, and their emergency repair is extremely inefficient and costly compared to scheduled replacement projects; and
- §5. WHEREAS, since the last rate increase in 2015, operational costs have continued to increase; and
- §6. WHEREAS, the rates for water service must be increased in order for the necessary improvements to be accomplished and continued operation of the City of Norman's water system; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA:

- §7. That should the voters approve the rate increase in water service set out in Ordinance No. O-2122-35, then Section 21-113 of Chapter 21 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Norman, Oklahoma, shall be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 21-113. Rates for water service.

- (a) The water rates and charges hereinafter enumerated shall be collected for the purposes of providing funds for the continued operation, improvement, servicing and maintenance of the City water system and for other municipal governmental purposes related to providing utility services.
- (b) The following monthly rates shall apply to each residential metered user (including residence, mobile home, or other single-family dwelling unit, apartment, townhouse or dwelling):
- (1) \$7.80 base fee;

- (2) \$4.20 per one thousand (1,000) gallons for 0 to 5,000 gallons;
  - (3) \$5.15 per one thousand (1,000) gallons for 5,001 to 15,000 gallons;
  - (4) \$6.50 per one thousand (1,000) gallons for 15,001 to 20,000 gallons;
  - (5) \$8.50 per one thousand (1,000) gallons for over 20,000 gallons.
- (c) The base rate and the first five thousand (5,000) gallons of usage for residential metered users under subsection (b) above, who are low income as defined by Section 8 of the Housing Act of 1937, amended by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, will be calculated at a reduction of twenty-five (25) percent.
- (d) In addition to the monthly rates set forth herein, all households (defined as a residential unit consistent with the purposes statement of R-1 and RI-A zoning districts) shall be assessed a high usage surcharge of thirty-five cents (\$0.35) per thousand gallons of usage over twenty thousand (20,000) gallons used during the peak water demand months of July and August (billed in August and September, respectively).
- (e) The following monthly rates shall apply to each non-residential metered user (including business, industrial, or commercial establishments):
- (1) Average winter consumption: the average of a non-residential metered user's water consumption for the monthly billings generated by the City of Norman in December, January, and February of the most recent year.
  - (2) All non-residential metered users shall pay a base fee of six dollars (\$7.80) for each water meter.
  - (3) The water rate for consumption up to a non-residential metered user's average winter consumption shall be three dollars and eighty cents (\$4.35) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water.
  - (4) The water rate for consumption exceeding a non-residential metered user's average winter consumption shall be four dollars and twenty cents (\$4.80) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water.
- § 8. Effective date. The rates described above shall be effective for all billings issued on or after the 1st day of June, 2022, and thereafter conditioned upon said rate increase being approved

by a majority of the registered voters voting in an election called for the purpose of approving or rejecting said rates; Said election to be held on the 5th day of April, 2022.

- § 9. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason, held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, except, that the effective date provision shall not be severable from the operative provisions of the ordinance.

ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

NOT ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor