

CITY OF STEVENSON, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2019 - 1153

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR THE USE OF WATER FURNISHED BY THE CITY OF STEVENSON

AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2017-1111

WHEREAS, it is necessary to revise the user fee system for the City of Stevenson Water System to provide funds sufficient to meet all expenses associated with the city’s water system and to meet bonding requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Council discussed at a public hearing on October 17th and November 21st, 2019 the projected revenue and expenses for the department and the impact on rates; and,

WHEREAS, the Council discussed at a public hearing December 19th, 2019 these rate increases; and

WHEREAS, the City annually reviews and updates an analysis of the capital demands of the water system and recognizes the needs for capital outlays for replacement/repair of existing facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Stevenson do ordain as follows:

After the effective date of this Ordinance charges for water furnished by the City of Stevenson shall be as follows:

(a) Single-family, mobile/manufactured homes, commercial, industrial and government customers:

(1) Minimum Monthly Base Water Service Charge

Service Connection Pipe Diameter (IPS)	Inside City					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Up to ¾”	32.00	33.60	35.28	37.04	38.89	40.83
1”	52.50	55.13	57.89	60.78	63.82	67.01
1 ½”	126.74	133.08	139.73	146.72	154.06	161.76
2”	244.45	256.67	269.50	282.98	297.13	311.99
3”	439.28	461.24	484.30	508.52	533.95	560.65
4”	527.05	553.40	581.07	610.12	640.63	672.66
6”	1,403.97	1,474.17	1,547.88	1,625.27	1,706.53	1,791.86

Service Connection Pipe Diameter (IPS)	Outside City					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Up to ¾”	47.18	49.54	52.02	54.62	57.35	60.22
1”	89.42	93.89	98.58	103.51	108.69	114.12
1 ½”	182.52	191.65	201.23	211.29	221.85	232.94
2”	353.15	370.81	389.35	408.82	429.26	450.72
3”	637.39	669.26	702.72	737.86	774.75	813.49
4”	766.58	804.91	845.16	887.42	931.79	978.38
6”	2,032.74	2,134.38	2,241.10	2,353.16	2,470.82	2,594.36

The base fees will increase 5% annually beginning in 2026.

First 400 cubic feet of water consumed included in minimum monthly base water service charge thereafter:

(2) Metered Monthly Charge for Additional Water Consumed

	Usage Rates:					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Inside City	0.041	0.043	0.045	0.047	0.049	0.051
Outside City	0.048	0.050	0.053	0.056	0.059	0.062

The usage fees will increase 5% annually beginning in 2026.

(b) Multiple Dwelling Units (shall apply to all customers with two or more living units per meter.)

(1) Minimum Monthly Water Service Charge

A base rate equal to the rate for up to a ¾” service connection pipe diameter (IPS), multiplied by the number of dwelling units served, and

a. Metered Monthly Charge for Water Consumed

The water consumed per unit shall be calculated by dividing the total cubic feet of water used by the number of dwelling units served. The first 400 cubic feet per unit multiplied by the number of units served is included in the monthly water service charge. Water consumed thereafter will be charged according to the following schedule:

	Usage Rates:					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Inside City	0.041	0.043	0.045	0.047	0.049	0.051
Outside City	0.048	0.050	0.053	0.056	0.059	0.062

The usage fees will increase 5% annually beginning in 2026.

(c) Transient Lodging – Metered Monthly Charge for Water Consumed

A transient lodging service can elect to select option (a) or option (c). If Option C is selected the water consumed per unit shall be calculated by dividing the total cubic feet of water used by the number of dwelling units served. The first 200 cubic feet per unit multiplied by the number of units served is included in the monthly water service charge. Recognizing that transient units are not occupied continuously the monthly unit charge shall be at 50% of the monthly residential unit charge. Water consumed thereafter will be charged according to the following schedule:

	Usage Rates:					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Inside City	0.041	0.043	0.045	0.047	0.049	0.051
Outside City	0.048	0.050	0.053	0.056	0.059	0.062

The usage fees will increase 5% annually beginning in 2026.

(d) Hydrant Use Charge

From time to time the Public Works Director may authorize the use of water from the City’s fire hydrants for non-fire protection related purposes. The hydrant customer will file an application with the City and, if approved, the hydrant customer will be responsible for the following charges:

(1) Application Fee

The application for hydrant use will be \$100 per calendar year.

(2) Water consumption

The application fee shall include the first 400 cubic feet of water used; thereafter the charge shall be:

Usage Rates:					
2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
0.048	0.050	0.053	0.056	0.059	0.062

The usage fees will increase 5% annually beginning in 2026.

(e) Late Fees

(1) Delivery Fee of Lock Off Notice

If, pursuant to SMC 13.11.030, the City gives 24 hour written notice to the customer personally or by leaving a copy of the notice at the structure receiving service of

termination of water service by means of a lock off, the customer shall pay a \$10 delivery fee.

(f) Service Termination Fees:

(1) Termination Fees

If service has been terminated and a resumption of service has been requested, then, prior to and in consideration of resumption of service, the customer shall be required to pay a fee of \$50.00 for a lockoff/resumption during regular working hours and \$100.00 for a lockoff/resumption during nonworking hours and an amount equal to five months base fee for a disconnect.

(g) Vacancy Periods

A minimum monthly water service charge shall be applicable to all water users, both inside the City limits and outside the City limits, during the entire twelve month period whether or not a user self disconnects his service for a temporary period, has no metered use, or other water sources during that period.

And

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that Ordinance 2017-1111 and all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The effective date of this Ordinance shall be the January 2020 billing cycle.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Stevenson at its regular meeting held on this 19th day of December, 2019.

Scott Anderson
Mayor of the City of Stevenson

ATTEST:

Leana Kinley
Clerk of the City of Stevenson

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Kenneth Woodrich
Attorney for the City of Stevenson