

RESOLUTION 655

Water Rates and Miscellaneous Water/Sewer Charges

WHEREAS, the Mill City Municipal Code provides that water rates and charges to water users may be changed at any time by resolution of the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Mill City adopted Resolution No. 640 Water Rates; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2003 the City was awarded a \$4.0 million Safe Drinking Water Fund loan from the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department to finance water system improvements; and

WHEREAS, the terms of the loan award indicate that the city now is making annual payments on a 30-year 1% loan under the Safe Drinking Water Program;

WHEREAS, the revenues generated by water payments must be adequate to cover the City of Mill City's commitment to make annual bond payments on this loan, and

WHEREAS, the revenues generated by water payments must be adequate to cover the administration, operation and maintenance of the City's water system, and

WHEREAS, current revenue projections indicate that the City may not have adequate funds to meet the above obligations unless the water rates are increased

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the rates and charges established for the City of Mill City water system are adopted as follows:

Section 1: All Previous water rates are hereby repealed.

Section 2: The following rates will become effective December 1, 2007:

Type of Use	Monthly Base Rate (Includes 1 st 2 units of water used per month)	Use Charge Charge per unit (100 cu.ft./748 gallons) after first 2 units
Residential (up to 3/4" meters)	16.00	2.70
Commercial (up to 3/4" meters)	16.00	2.70
1" Meter (x 1.67)	26.72	2.70
1-1/2" Meter (x3.33)	53.28	2.70
2" Meter (x5.33)	85.28	2.70
3" Meter (x10.67)	170.72	2.70
4" Meter (x16.67)	266.72	2.70
Users outside City	1.3 times residential rate	1.3 times residential rate

Section 3: The following rates will become effective October 1, 2008:

Type of Use	Monthly Base Rate (Includes 1 st 2 units of water used per month)	Use Charge Charge per unit (100 cu.ft./748 gallons) after first 2 units
Residential (up to 3/4" meters)	16.00	2.85
Commercial (up to 3/4" meters)	16.00	2.85
1" Meter (x 1.67)	26.72	2.85
1-1/2" Meter (x3.33)	53.28	2.85
2" Meter (x5.33)	85.28	2.85
3" Meter (x10.67)	170.72	2.85
4" Meter (x16.67)	266.72	2.85
Users outside City	1.3 times residential rate	1.3 times residential rate

Section 4: The following rates will become effective October 1, 2009:

Type of Use	Monthly Base Rate (Includes 1 st 2 units of water used per month)	Use Charge Charge per unit (100 cu.ft./748 gallons) after first 2 units
Residential (up to 3/4" meters)	16.65	2.85
Commercial (up to 3/4" meters)	16.65	2.85
1" Meter (x 1.67)	27.81	2.85
1-1/2" Meter (x3.33)	55.44	2.85
2" Meter (x5.33)	88.74	2.85
3" Meter (x10.67)	177.66	2.85
4" Meter (x16.67)	277.56	2.85
Users outside City	1.3 times residential rate	1.3 times residential rate

Section 5: The following rates shall become effective December 1, 2007:

<p>A. New Connection Fee for Water Hookup (MCMC 13.04.040)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. For each meter installed by the city, the city shall charge to the customer or property owner the actual costs of materials and labor plus 15% administrative expense.</p>	<p>As Billed</p>
<p>B. Change in Size of Meter or Service (MCMC 13.04.070.E)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. For each meter size change or service line modification at the customer's request, including the cost of any modifications of the water service line from the water main to the meter box, the city shall charge to the customer or property owner the actual costs of materials and labor plus 15% to cover administrative expenses.</p>	<p>As Billed</p>
<p>C. Meter Removal</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Requested by landlord, or customer with landlord's written consent</p>	<p>40.00</p>
<p>D. Meter Replacement</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. When meter removal was requested. In addition to the fee for removal</p>	<p>45.00</p>
<p>E. Meter Removal and Replacement due to Violation of city code:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. The charge for removal of a meter by the City of Mill City when the city finds the customer or landlord has violated the municipal code. This includes resetting the meter once the customer has paid all amounts due on the account and request that the city reinstate the water service.</p>	<p>100.00</p>
<p>F. Meter Test Deposit (MCMC 13.04.100)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. A deposit required prior to the city testing a meter when the customer or landlord requests testing. The deposit will be refunded if the city finds the meter reading registers more than 3% fast.</p>	<p>25.00</p>
<p>G. Account Deposit (MCMC 13.04.130)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. All new customers and any customers whose service has been disconnected for non-payment shall pay a water account deposit prior to having the water turned on. Owners of property connected to the water system are eligible for a refund of the deposit fee after bills for water and sewer fees have been paid for twelve (12) consecutive months without having become past due for non-payment.</p>	<p>75.00</p>
<p>H. Shut-Off Notice – Door Hanger (MCMC13.04.170C)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Charge for preparation, hand delivery and posting of a notice related to water or sewer billing; or a combined notice related to water and sewer billing.</p>	<p>15.00</p>

I.	Late Charge (MCMC 13.04.170)	10.00
	a. A charge added to a water account or a combined water/sewer account when timely payment is not made.	
J.	Service Restoration Charge (MCMC 13.04.140)	40.00
	a. The charge for turn-on of water service that has been shut off because of delinquent payment of the water bill. The restoration charge will be paid before water service is turned back on.	
K.	Fire Stand-by Charge	Monthly Base Rate
	a. The monthly charge to a water account which still has a functional meter at the home but has had the meter shut off at the customer or owner's request. The fire stand-by charge includes the cost of providing the public water system for fire protection purposes.	
L.	Shut-off Fee	20.00
	a. The charge for shutting off water service at the meter when requested by customer or property owner.	
	b. Shutting off water service for 72 hours or less to investigate possible leaks or repair leaks.	No Charge
M.	Turn-on Fee (MCMC13.04.120)	20.00
	a. The charge for turning on water service at the meter when the service shut off was requested by customer or landlord, and not because of account delinquency or code violation.	
	b. Turning on water service after shut-off of 72 hours or less subsequent to investigation of possible leaks or repair of leaks.	No Charge
N.	Bulk Water Use Charge (MCMC 13.04.310)	Consumption plus \$20.00
	a. Base rate, per instance, plus consumption for purchase water in bulk quantities for single purposes such as filling swimming pools or ponds or dust suppression during construction.	
	b. Base rate per month, plus consumption, for users wishing to purchase water and transport to their private property. Council permission required for this bulk purchase. (Multiplier of 1.3 for users outside the City Limits.)	
O.	Administrative Charge for filing Lien in County Deed Records	75.00
	a. When the City imposes a lien on a water/sewer account and records the lien in the County Deed Records, the city will add an administrative charge for the cost of preparing and recording the lien. The administrative charge shall be sufficient to cover the city costs for preparing documents for recording, filing fees for recording the lien and filing fees for releasing the lien once payment has been made to the city.	

Section 6: Sewer Fees that will become effective December 1, 2007.

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| A. Account Deposit (MCMC 13.08.140) | 50.00 |
| a. All new customers and any customers whose service has been disconnected for non-payment shall pay a sewer account deposit prior to having water turned on or sewer service connected if there is no city water service. Owners of property connected to the sewer system are eligible for a refund of the deposit fee after bills for water and sewer fees have been paid for twelve (12) consecutive months without having become past due for non-payment. | |
| B. Shut-Off Notice – Door Hanger (MCMC 13.08.110) | 15.00 |
| a. Charge for preparation, hand delivery and posting of a notice related to sewer only billing. | |
| C. Late Charge (MCMC 13.08.110) | 10.00 |
| a. A charge added to a sewer only account when timely payment is not made. | |
| D. Administrative Charge for filing Lien in County Deed Records | 75.00 |
| a. When the City imposes a lien on a water/sewer account and records the lien in the County Deed Records, the city will add an administrative charge for the cost of preparing and recording the lien. The administrative charge shall be sufficient to cover the city costs for preparing documents for recording, filing fees for recording the lien and filing fees for releasing the lien once payment has been made to the city. | |

Section 7: This resolution shall take effect on December 1, 2007.

ADOPTED BY the City Council of the City of Mill City, Oregon November 27th, 2007

Tim Kirsch, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Hogan, City Administrator

REVIEWED FOR LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

James L. McGehee, City Attorney