

TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 356

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ESTABLISHING CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE WITHIN AND ABOUT THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS, AND REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF GRANITE FALLS:

Section 1. Ordinances Nos. 65, 181, 239, 287, and 342 are hereby amended as the same refer to rates charged for water service.

Section 2. Classifications, rates, charges and rules for water service. The classifications, rates and charges for water service and the rules governing such service are fixed as follows:

a. Single Residence Unit. A single residence unit consists of any residential unit, whether a separate structure or a part of a duplex, triplex, apartment or motel, such residential unit having at least one room and cooking facilities (with sink) and bathroom facilities for the exclusive use of the occupants of such unit. Each single residence unit shall be charged one basic rate, as hereinafter defined.

Single family and multiple units located outside the town limits shall be charged double the cost of the monthly charges to units within the city limits per month per living unit.

b. Trailer or Mobile Home Park Unit. Any tract of land which is so designed as to accomodate or which is being used for the purpose of providing space and utilities for three or more house trailers or mobile homes, shall be considered and classified hereunder as a trailer or mobile home park. Each trailer or mobile home in such park shall be deemed a trailer or mobile home park unit. Each trailer or mobile home park unit shall be charged a basic rate, as hereinafter defined.

c. Schools. Each school building shall be considered a unit. Each school unit shall be charged a basic rate, as hereinafter defined, or as negotiated with the Town of Granite Falls.

d. Churches and other Non-Profit Public Meeting Places. All churches and other non-profit public meeting places shall be considered one unit and charged one basic rate per month, as hereinafter defined.

e. Commercial Units. A commercial unit consists of any public or private premises not heretofore defined and as hereinafter further defined.

1. Premises occupied by only one business or activity, shall be deemed a separate commercial unit. Each such commercial unit shall be charged one basic rate, as hereinafter defined.

2. In the case of multiple occupancy commercial facilities, the Town Council shall determine the number of units/basic rates in the multiple occupancy. The number of units/basic rates shall be determined so as to insure that each user pays a proportionately fair and equitable rate commensurate with his use of water.

Section 4. Basic rate defined. The basic rate shall be the minimum monthly charge schedule and the monthly rate schedule based on consumption (if applicable) as set forth in Section 5 of this Ordinance.

Section 5. Basic rates and charges. Basic rates and charges shall be as follows:

a. Metered water users. The following rates will apply to all metered water users:

- 5.50 per month for 3/4-inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 600 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus 5.50 for each additional unit.
- 8.80 per month for 1-inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 1100 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 24.20 per month for 1-1/2 inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 3500 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 44.00 per month for 2-inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 6500 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 71.50 per month for 2-1/2 inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 10,750 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 93.50 per month for 3-inch service line for the first unit; minimum of 15,000 cubic feet; \$.12 per 100-foot excess; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.

b. Non-metered commercial water users. The following rates will apply to all non-metered commercial water users:

- 6.60 per month for 3/4-inch or less service line for the first unit; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 11.55 per month for 1-inch service line for the first unit; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 36.30 per month for 1-1/2 inch service line for the first unit; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.
- 66.00 per month for 2-inch service line for the first unit; plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.

140.25 per month for 3-inch service line for the first unit;
plus \$5.50 for each additional unit.

c. Living unit and/or non-commercial hookup to the water system of the Town of Granite Falls which is not served by a meter. The following monthly rates will apply to each living unit and/or non-commercial hookup to the water system of the Town of Granite Falls which is not served by a meter:

5.50 per month for single family dwelling.

5.50 per month for mobile homes or trailers.

5.50 per month for churches and other non-profit public meeting places.

11.00 per month per unit for single family and multiple dwelling units located outside the town limits.

Duplex, triplex, fourplex, and other apartments shall be charged the cost of the service line for the first unit; plus \$5.50 per month for each additional unit.

Section 6. Billing of charges. All charges for water service shall be billed to the property owner rather than the tenant for collection.

Section 7. Delinquency charge. If a water bill is unpaid for two months, it shall be considered delinquent and water service may be terminated. A charge of \$50.00 will be made to turn on water service which has been disconnected for failure to pay.

Section 8. Vacant unit credit. A vacant unit credit shall not be allowable. If the owner of said vacant unit wishes water service to be discontinued, it shall be his/her responsibility to contact the Town of Granite Falls to have said water service disconnected. If, at a future date, the owner wishes to resume water service, said water will be reconnected for a nominal fee of \$25.00.

Section 9. Connection and tap in charges. In addition to the foregoing rates and charges, the Town of Granite Falls shall charge, prior to issuance of letter of approval for building permit, the following amount for each unit connected to the Town of Granite Falls water system:

\$400.00 per unit. The cost of labor and materials will be billed after installation.

The above charges for labor and materials are to make a service connection from the utility main to the customer's property line. The above charges do not include the cost of the meter.

A unit which previously has been connected to the town water system but which has not been connected or paying water charges continuously during the five years preceding application for connection will be deemed to be a new water connection and shall pay the above charges.

An application for water connection, available in the office of the Town Clerk, shall be completed prior to the request to the Town Council for a water connection.

The Utilities Superintendent of the Town of Granite Falls shall determine the size of the service line needed for all new construction.

All water connections shall be approved by the Utilities Superintendent of the Town of Granite Falls prior to covering. A fine of \$200.00 will be assessed and water turned off for any unauthorized hook-ups to the Granite Falls water system.

Section 10. Meters. All new construction shall require a meter as adopted under Ordinance No. 342 on July 27, 1983. The Utilities Superintendent of the Town of Granite Falls shall determine the size and make of the meter that is needed. The cost of meter shall be borne by the owner of the property.

Section 11. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and posting according to law.

THIS ORDINANCE is hereby adopted by the Town of Granite Falls this 27 day of June, 1984.

Doris Sawyer
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Gerry James
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Gerry James, being first duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of the Town of Granite Falls, Washington, a municipal corporation, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance No. 356 is a full, true, and correct copy of the original ordinance passed on the 27 day of June, 1984, as said ordinance appears in the Ordinance Book of the Town and said ordinance became effective on the 27 day of June, 1984, and the same is duly posted on the 27 day of June, 1984, at the following three public places of said Town:

1. U.S. Post Office
2. Town Hall
3. Konnerups