

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 729-06

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

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

SECTION 1. Ordinance Nos. 65, 181, 239, 287, 342, 356, 382, 417, 418, 432, 459, 555 and 698-04 are hereby amended as the same refer to rates charged for water service.

SECTION 2. Classification, rates, charges and rules for the water service. The classification rates and charges for the water service and the rules governing such service are fixed as follows:

- a. Single Residential Unit. A single residential unit consists of any residential unit, whether a separate structure, or 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 residential unit shall be charged one basic rate, as hereinafter defined.
- b. Multi-Residential: Multi-Residential accounts shall be charged the basic rate for the meter size for the first unit and for each additional unit, a unit rate shall be charged as hereinafter defined.
- c. Schools: The number of units for each service connection shall be determined on the meter size.
- d. Commercial including churches and non-profit public facilities: A commercial unit consists of any public or private premises not heretofore defined and as hereinafter further defined. The commercial building shall be charged the basic rate for the meter size for the first unit and for each additional unit a unit rate shall be charged as hereinafter defined.

SECTION 3: Basic Rate Defined: The basic rate shall be a minimum monthly charge and the monthly rate schedule based on consumption (if applicable) as set forth in Section 4 of this ordinance.

SECTION 4: 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:
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| \$24.00 | per month for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or less service meter for the first unit, minimum of 600 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100-foot excess; plus \$13.00, with an additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$30.50 | per month for $\frac{3}{4}$ inch or less service meter for out-of-town customers for first unit, minimum of 600 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100-foot excess; plus \$13.00, with an additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$31.75 | per month for 1 inch service meter for the first unit of 1100 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$13.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$61.00 | per month for 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 3500 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$13.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$115.00 | per month for 2 inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 6500 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$13.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$181.00 | per month for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 10,750 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$15.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit. |
| \$247.00 | per month for 3 inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 15,000 cubic feet; \$1.75 per |

100 foot excess; plus \$15.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit.

\$293.70 per month for 3 ½ inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 18,000 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$15.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit.

\$340.20 per month for 4 inch service meter for the first unit, minimum of 21,000 cubic feet; \$1.75 per 100 foot excess; plus \$15.00, with additional 400 cubic feet of consumption allowed for each additional unit.

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

\$28.00 per month for ¾ inch line or less service line for the first unit; plus \$25.00 for each additional unit.

SECTION 5: Billing Charges: All charges for water service shall be billed to the property owners rather than the tenant for collection, or to the property owner in care of the tenant. The property owner is responsible for any outstanding charges not paid by the tenant.

SECTION 6. Delinquency charges: If a water bill is unpaid for 90 days, it shall be considered delinquent and water service may be terminated. Payment in full and a charge of \$150.00 will be assessed to turn on water service that has been disconnected for failure to pay.

SECTION 7: Late Charges: There is established a late charge rate of .0667 per month to be assessed on utility account totals including all utility fund balances on the account with 90 days arrear balances per ordinance No. 417.

SECTION 8: Vacant Unit Credit: If a home, or service unit is vacant and the owner wishes to inactivate the water service for a period of time it shall be owners responsibility to contact the City of Granite Falls. If, at a future date, the owner wishes to resume water service, a reinstatement fee of \$95.00 shall be charged to the account.

SECTION 9: Connection and Tap Fees: In addition to the foregoing rates and charges, the City of Granite Falls shall charge, prior to the issuance of a building

permit, tap fees that are established in a separate Capital Improvement Fund/Water Ordinance.

- a. In addition, all labor and material costs incurred by the city installing water lines to the new service shall be paid by the property owner.
- b. Exemption to collection of tap fees as established in:
 1. Ordinance No. 629-00, installation of water line for fire suppression.
 2. Ordinance No. 693-04, tenant improvement ordinance, commercial building.

All tap fees shall be deposited into the Capital Improvement Fund/Water. All material and labor costs for running the new water service shall be deposited into the water fund.

The above charges are to make a service connection from the utility main to the customer's property line.

A water unit that has been inactive for 5 years or greater shall be deemed to be a new water connection and shall pay the current tap fee charge when water service is reinstated.

An application for water connection, available in the office of City Hall, shall be completed and tap fees paid in full at the time of issuance of a building permit. Application for out-of-town service will be reviewed and approved by City Council. All water services shall comply with the adopted Public Works Standards of the City of Granite Falls.

All water connections shall be approved by the Public Works Manager of the city of Granite Falls prior to covering. A fine of \$2080.00 will be assessed and the water turned off for any unauthorized hook-ups to the Granite Falls Water System.

SECTION 10. Meters: Installation of meters shall be required as follows:

- a. All new construction or additional units shall require a meter as adopted under Ordinance No. 342.
- b. The Public Works Manager of the City of Granite Falls shall determine the size and the make of the meter that is needed. All cost for installation of the water meter shall be paid by the property owner.

SECTION 11. Reduced Water Rates for Low Income Disabled and Senior Citizens:

Owner of single family residence who have or would qualify for the senior citizen real estate property tax exemption under state law shall present proof thereof to the City of Granite Falls Treasurer and shall qualify and be entitled to a reduction in water rates as set forth in Section 4, in the amount of \$10.00 per month from the applicable rates. The qualifying customer shall be charged \$1.75 for every 100 cubic feet over the month consumption based on 400 cubic feet.

SECTION 12: Utility payment policy is set as follows:

Utility payments shall be received in City Hall by the second to the last working day of the month to ensure that payments get posted to the account and prevent delinquent charges for the next months billing.

SECTION 13: This Ordinance shall become effective on February 1, 2007.

Said Ordinance was passed in open session by the City council of the city of Granite Falls on the 20 day of December, 2006.


MAYOR

Attest:


City Clerk

DATE OF FIRST READING:
DATE OF SECOND READING:
DATE OF PUBLICATION:
EFFECTIVE DATE:

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