

ORDINANCE NO. 080259

Amending Chapter 78, Code of Ordinances, entitled Water by repealing Sections 78-6, General meter rate, 78-8, Fire protection rates, and 78-10, Suburban meter rate, and enacting in lieu thereof new sections of like subject matter adjusting charges for water service; and establishing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 78, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, entitled Water, is hereby amended by repealing Sections 78-6, General meter rate, 78-8, Fire protection rates, and 78-10, Suburban meter rate, and enacting in lieu thereof new sections of like subject matter, to read as follows:

Section 78-6. General meter rate.

For all metered water purchased for use wholly and exclusively within the City by any customer, the total charge shall be the sum of the service charge and the commodity charge as follows:

- (1) *Service charge.* The service charge is a charge per meter to cover, in part, the cost of meter reading, meter maintenance, billing, collecting, accounting services and readiness to serve the customer, and shall be prorated per day during the billing period and shall apply whether or not any water is used; the service charge shall be based on meter size and billing frequency as follows:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	BILLED MONTHLY	BILLED BI-MONTHLY
5/8	\$ 9.00	\$ 13.36
3/4	9.50	14.70
1	12.00	19.00
1-1/2	18.00	31.82
2	23.50	43.45
3	50.50	96.50
4	63.00	122.00
6	92.50	180.50
8	142.00	280.00
10	195.00	386.00
12	227.00	451.00

- (2) *Commodity charge.* The commodity charge shall be based on the total volume of water purchased by the customer, whenever possible in the billing system, as shown by all water meters connected to one or more

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water systems serving contiguous properties of the customer, where such properties are managed as a single enterprise that is not separated by a public thoroughfare, and shall be as follows per month for metered water:

(a) *Ordinary commodity charge.*

First 600 cubic feet at \$2.16 per 100 cubic feet
Next 4,400 cubic feet at \$2.40 per 100 cubic feet
Next 995,000 cubic feet at \$2.10 per 100 cubic feet
Over 1,000,000 cubic feet at \$1.51 per 100 cubic feet

(b) *Seasonal off-peak commodity charges.* For industrial customers with peak demand in the winter season:

All usage at \$1.51 per 100 cubic feet;

The Director of Water Services is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations to be used for determining the applicability of this subsection.

(3) *Definitions* (as used in this section).

(a) Commercial and industrial customers shall refer to all water service accounts other than one- and two-family dwellings.

(b) Month or Monthly shall refer to a time period of 30 days.

Sec. 78-8. Fire protection rates.

(a) The rate for an unmetered water service connection to hydrants, hose connection or sprinkling systems purchased and used solely and exclusively for fire protection purposes, including all water used for fire protection shall be as follows:

Size of Connection	Rate Per Annum
4-inch and less	\$ 72.00
6-inch	177.00
8-inch	334.00
10-inch.	546.00
12-inch	818.00
16-inch.	1,545.00

(b) The size, location and arrangement of any fire protection services are subject to the approval of the Director of the Water Services Department.

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(c) All meters, valves and hydrants controlling or in connection with such fire protection services shall be sealed by the Water Services Department. A fee of \$25.00 shall be charged for each meter, valve or hydrants requiring resealing in the absence of evidence that the meter, valve or hydrant seal was broken in operation against a fire or in operations pursuant to system testing by a fire underwriting agency and properly certified by such testing agency.

(d) Direct connections between the fire protection and drain piping on all premises are not permitted, and drawings to show the location of all fire protection piping may be required by the water services department. The repeated, unauthorized breakage of seals on any premises may be taken as evidence that water is being used without authorization; and in such case the water services department may require the installation of a meter designed for fire protection and assess charges therefore in accordance with section 78-6.

(e) Fire protection services shall be billed to the owner of record of the real property.

Section 78-10. Suburban meter rate.

(a) For any and all water purchased wholly or partially for use outside the City by any customer, a total charge consisting of a service charge, a commodity charge, a re-pumping charge where applicable, shall be computed for each billing period and shall be as follows:

- (1) *Service charge.* A service charge, prorated per day during the billing period based on meter size, with such charge to be applied whether or not any water is used, shall be charged as follows:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	BILLED MONTHLY	BILLED BI-MONTHLY
5/8	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.08
3/4	10.50	15.92
1	12.50	19.60
1-1/2	18.50	32.44
2	24.00	44.10
3	52.50	101.50
4	66.00	128.00
6	97.00	189.50
8	144.00	282.00
10	201.00	399.00
12	235.00	466.00

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The service charges as established in this subsection may be superseded by any contract between the city and any other public water supply which provides for an interchange agreement.

(b) *Commodity charge.* A commodity charge per month, based on the total volume of water purchased by the customer as shown by all water meters connected to one or more water systems serving the customers premises, shall be charged as follows:

- (1) *Retail Customers.* For customers purchasing water for use wholly by the customer:

First 600 cubic feet at \$2.25 per 100 cubic feet
Next 4,400 cubic feet at \$2.50 per 100 cubic feet
Over 5,000 cubic feet at \$2.10 per 100 cubic feet

- (2) *Wholesale Customers.* For customers purchasing water for resale:

Unrestricted \$1.45 per hundred cubic feet
Restricted \$1.40 per hundred cubic feet

Wholesale Customers shall be classified as restricted or unrestricted based on water supply contract terms between the City and any other public water supply.

(c) *Repumping charge.* A repumping charge based on the quantity of purchased water repumped shall be charged to wholesale suburban customers only as follows:

- (1) From the pumping station at 75th and Holmes Street; from the pumping station at Highway AA near the Village of Waukomis in Platte County, Missouri; from the Blue Ridge Pumping Station at 67th Street and Blue Ridge Boulevard; from the pumping station at Englewood Road and North Oak Trafficway; from Arrowhead Pumping Station at NE 75th and Arrowhead Trafficway, and from the South Terminal Pump Station at Ward Road and Persells, per 100 cubic feet, \$0.12.
- (2) From the pumping station at 131st Street and Prospect Avenue; from the High Grove Road Pumping Station, and from the Platte County Booster Pump Station at Camden Point Highway E and Interurban Road, per 100 cubic feet, \$0.23.

(d) *Definition.* The term Month or Monthly, as used in this section shall refer to a time period of 30 days.

(e) *Applicability.* Rates set forth in this section may not be applicable where such rates are established by existing or future contracts.

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Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective May 1, 2008.

Approved as to form and legality:

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