

ORDINANCE NO. 170153

Amending Chapter 78, Code of Ordinances, entitled “Water” by repealing Sections 78-6, 78-10, and 78-11, and enacting in lieu thereof new sections of like number and subject matter, that adjust charges for water service and impose a one and a half percent payment in lieu of taxes upon the City Water Fund’s gross revenues derived from water services to the City’s residential and commercial customers to be paid to the General Fund and charged to residential and commercial customers; and establishing an effective date.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 78 of the Code of Ordinances of Kansas City, Missouri entitled “Water” is hereby amended by repealing Sections 78-6, 78-10, and 78-11, and enacting in lieu thereof new sections of like subject matter, to read as follows:

Sec. 78-6. General meter rate.

For all water purchased for use wholly and exclusively within the city by any accountholder the general meter rate charge shall be the sum of the service charge and the commodity charge. The service charge and the commodity charge shall be determined as follows:

- (1) *Service charge.* The service charge is a charge per meter or service connection, to cover, in part, the cost of various services, 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, unless otherwise provided herein:

Meter (inches)	Size	Billed Monthly
5/8		\$13.90
3/4		14.95
1		18.30
1½		22.08
2		35.00
3		119.50
4		150.50
6		224.00
8		324.00

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10	426.00
12	502.00

(2) *Commodity charge.* The commodity charge shall be based on the total volume of water purchased by the accountholder as shown by all water meters connected to one or more water services serving contiguous properties of the accountholder, 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 \$4.63 per 100 cubic feet;
Next 4,400 cubic feet at \$5.14 per 100 cubic feet;
Next 995,000 cubic feet at \$4.40 per 100 cubic feet;
Over 1,000,000 cubic feet at \$3.05 per 100 cubic feet.

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

All usage at \$2.95 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) *Manual meter reading charges.*

a. The service charges set out in this chapter assume use of the city's automatic meter reading system. In cases where the automatic meter reading system could not be installed due to action or inaction on the accountholder's part, including lack of access to meter, improper meter setting, accountholder refusal, or other reasons, a charge of \$19.00 for manual meter reading will be applied each time that a meter is attempted to be read manually.

b. When manual meter reading registers no water use for a period of 12 consecutive months, the water services department may cease monthly meter reading and begin reading the meter every six months. At that time, it will no longer charge the separate manual meter reading fee; however, a service charge of \$76.00 for the six-month read period shall apply.

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

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- a. Residential account shall refer to all one- and two-family dwelling water service accounts.
- b. Commercial and industrial accounts shall refer to all water service accounts other than one- and two-family dwellings.
- c. Month and monthly shall refer to a time period of approximately 30 days.
- d. Accountholder shall refer to any owner or occupant of real property, or any customer or consumer of water services.

Sec. 78-10. Suburban meter rate.

(a) For any and all water purchased wholly or partially for use outside the city by any accountholder, 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 (inches)	Size	Billed Monthly
5/8		\$ 15.15
3/4		16.25
1		19.90
1½		24.70
2		38.00
3		120.00
4		152.50
6		226.00
8		324.00
10		435.00
12		511.00

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.

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

- (1) Retail customers. For accountholders purchasing water for use wholly by the accountholder:

First 5,000 cubic feet at \$5.05 per 100 cubic feet;
Over 5,000 cubic feet at \$4.05 per 100 cubic feet,

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

Unrestricted \$2.28 per hundred cubic feet;
Restricted \$2.20 per hundred cubic feet;
Wholesale customers shall be classified as restricted or unrestricted based on water supply contract terms between the city and other contracting entity.

(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, \$0.20.
- (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, \$0.27.

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

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

Sec. 78-11. Payments in lieu of taxes.

Pursuant to Section 1209 of the City Charter, the Water Services Department shall be assessed and required to make a payment in lieu of taxes to the General Fund equal to one and one half percent of the Water Fund's gross revenues derived from providing

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water services to the City's residential and commercial customers. Such payment in lieu of taxes shall be considered part of the cost of water services and shall be charged to the City's residential and commercial customers as a charge equal to one and one half percent of the general meter rate, the fire protection rate and the temporary service rate.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on May 1, 2017

Approved as to form and legality:

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