

RESOLUTION NO. 2279

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A RESOLUTION RELATING TO AND SETTING RATES AND MINIMUM CHARGES FOR WATER AND WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS, FOR FIRE SERVICE, AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES FOR PROVIDING WATER SERVICE WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LONGVIEW, AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 2261.

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to Chapter 15.56 of the Longview Municipal Code, the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington hereby enacts this Resolution to increase the rates and charges for providing water to cover the projected operating and capital costs of the water utility.

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of said City that the rates for water service furnished by said City, both inside and outside the corporate limits thereof, shall be, and are hereby established, as follows:

**Section 1. Water for All Uses Within the Corporate Limits.**

All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied in any one month or fractional part thereof shall be in accordance with the following schedule but not less than the minimum monthly meter charge. These base monthly rates shall be charged for each month a customer's account is open, regardless of consumption history or actual use during any specific month:

A. Minimum Monthly Meter Charges

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ 13.81 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter  
\$ 27.86 per month for 1" meter  
\$ 51.21 per month for 1-1/2" meter  
\$ 79.23 per month for 2" meter  
\$ 153.95 per month for 3" meter

\$ 238.04 per month for 4" meter  
\$ 471.60 per month for 6" meter  
\$ 751.84 per month for 8" meter  
\$ 1078.81 per month for 10" meter  
\$ 1545.90 per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

\$ 10.92 per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter  
\$ 20.60 per month for 1" meter  
\$ 36.71 per month for 1-1/2" meter  
\$ 56.07 per month for 2" meter  
\$ 107.66 per month for 3" meter  
\$ 165.68 per month for 4" meter  
\$ 326.89 per month for 6" meter  
\$ 520.33 per month for 8" meter  
\$ 745.99 per month for 10" meter  
\$ 1068.40 per month for 12" meter

B. Consumptive Charges

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged for metered water consumed:

(1) Single Family Residence and Duplex

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 2.92 per 100 cu. ft.  
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 3.41 per 100 cu. ft.  
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 4.44 per 100 cu. ft.

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

All water consumed - \$ 3.36 per 100 cu. ft.

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and Motels/Hotels

All water consumed - \$ 3.56 per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

All water consumed - \$ 5.31 per 100 cu. ft.

**Section 2. Water for all Uses Outside the Corporate Limits.**

All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes outside the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied shall be in

accordance with the schedule in Section 1, plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) to cover public fire protection costs of the water system serving outside customers and other costs applicable thereto.

### **Section 3. Partial Monthly Charges.**

When water has been supplied to any one customer for less than a calendar month, the amount to be charged such customer for the water furnished during said partial period shall be determined by dividing the applicable monthly minimum meter charge by thirty and multiplying the quotient times the number of days water was so supplied, plus the total consumptive charges for water actually supplied.

### **Section 4. Water Service Connection Charges.**

- (a) All water installations shall meet or exceed the existing standards and specifications of the City, as set forth in the Longview Municipal Code or as determined by the City Engineer. Prior to the installation, the owner/contractor shall request an inspection of materials by the City Engineer, or his/her representative. No water installations or taps into the City water mains shall occur without a utility permit issued under LMC 15.44. Any utility construction within a public right-of-way or easement shall comply with the authorizing agency's requirements and permitting regulations, and a permit shall be obtained from such agency prior to starting construction of the utility facilities. At locations where the City is required to obtain a permit from the authorizing agency, the owner/contractor shall reimburse the City the cost of such permit. In addition, no water installation or taps shall occur except upon forty-eight (48) or more hours advance notice to the City Engineer, or his/her representative. All water installations requiring taps into a water main shall be performed by a licensed plumbing contractor qualified to perform tapping connections, per the standards set forth by the City.
- (b) The City Engineer, or his/her representative, shall inspect all materials to ensure compliance with the current City standards and specifications. Once the materials, location, and permits are approved, the contractor shall be permitted to install the service. The work shall be inspected by the City Engineer, or his/her representative.
- (c) No water installations or taps into the City's water main shall be covered or obscured until inspected and approved by the City Engineer, or his representative. An inspection fee of one-hundred fifty dollars (\$150) shall be charged for such inspections and shall be paid at the time that a permit is granted under LMC 15.44. Where the developer of newly platted land has installed a complete water

service to City standards, including corporation stop, service line, meter stop and meter box, the inspection fee is waived.

- (d) A meter set-in fee shall be charged according to the following schedule:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
3/4" and 1" Service	\$200.00	\$200.00

For services greater than 1", the developer, owner or contractor shall furnish new, City-approved meters.

- (e) In addition to the foregoing charges, a capital recovery fee will be charged according to the meter size as follows:

<u>CONNECTION SIZE</u>	<u>CAPITAL RECOVERY FEE</u>
0.75"	\$ 2,031.00
1"	\$ 5,078.00
1.5"	\$ 10,155.00
2"	\$ 16,248.00
3"	\$ 32,496.00
4"	\$ 50,775.00
6"	\$ 101,550.00
8"	\$ 162,480.00
10"	\$ 233,565.00
12"	\$ 335,115.00

**Section 5. Monthly Rates for Private Fire Sprinkler Systems and for Hydrants on Private Property.**

The monthly charges for private fire sprinkler systems and hydrants installed on private property shall be as follows:

<u>INSIDE CITY</u>	<u>OUTSIDE CITY</u>
\$ 13.81	\$ 22.79

Private fire protection systems must be metered as provided in Section 15.64.080 of the Longview Municipal Code, and payment of the costs of such installation shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Use of water from private fire sprinkler systems and hydrants shall be for fire suppression or system testing purposes only.

## **Section 6. Charges to City Owned Facilities.**

- (a) Unmetered Service: For each unmetered water service to a City park or other City facility, the City shall pay into the Water Utility Fund, two thousand six hundred fifty nine dollars and twenty-nine cents (\$ 2,778.96) per year for each such service.
- (b) Youth Athletic Leagues: Water consumed at City parks that host Youth Athletic Leagues under a Longview Parks and Recreation Department Youth Sports Facility Use Agreement shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution. Where a Youth Athletic League has secured its own facility, operates in coordination with the Longview Parks and Recreation Department, and is the account customer billed directly by the City, the league shall be billed at twenty-five percent (25%) of the account total determined by the rates set forth in this Resolution. Penalties, turn on charges, and other related charges shall be billed at one hundred percent (100%) of the amounts set forth in this Resolution.
- (c) Mint Valley Golf Course Irrigation: Water consumed at the Mint Valley Golf Course for irrigation purposes only, shall be charged at forty percent (40%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution.
- (d) Community Gardens Irrigation: Water consumed by community gardeners utilizing the City Community Garden facility owned and operated by the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department shall be charged at twenty-five percent (25%) of the rates set forth in this Resolution. The Community Gardens account is in the name of the City of Longview and shall be billed to the City of Longview Parks and Recreation Department.

## **Section 7. Delinquent Payments.**

All money due the City for furnishing water service for any customers shall be due and payable within fifteen (15) days of the billing date shown on each bill, and if not paid within fifteen (15) days thereafter, shall be deemed delinquent. For those accounts determined to be in delinquent status, the City will issue a notice advising the customer that payment is past due, and that such payment should be made within ten (10) days after receipt of such notice. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.010(2), if full payment on a utility account has not been received at the Finance Department by the fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) day after the bill date, a penalty in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) shall be assessed should it become necessary for the City to make a personal call upon a delinquent utility account debtor for the purpose of attempting to collect such delinquent account, regardless of whether or not such an

account is collected as a result of such personal demand for payment or otherwise. In the event the utility account remains delinquent beyond the forty-first (41<sup>st</sup>) day after the bill date, and after such contact has been attempted by the City, the utility service shall be disconnected or shut off until such time as the balance is paid in full. In accordance with the Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.010(3), a penalty charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall be assessed to turn on the utility service, once the balance, including penalty fees, are paid in full. In accordance with Longview Municipal Code Section 15.56.050, there is hereby established a charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to turn on a water service which has been disconnected or turned off due to a user failing to apply for water service as provided in Longview Municipal Code Section 15.44.010. A charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) is hereby established if the City is required to turn on a water service after regular working hours. If the City determined that it was necessary to physically remove the meter to enforce the provisions of the Longview Municipal Code and this resolution, a charge of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) shall be assessed to reinstall the meter and turn on water service.

#### **Section 8. Water Obtained from Fire Hydrant.**

Anyone desiring to obtain water from an un-metered fire hydrant shall first obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit, and pay all applicable fees and deposits. Use of a fire hydrant to obtain water shall be temporary only, shall occur only at hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee, and shall not exceed ninety (90) calendar days unless otherwise approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. All water obtained from a hydrant shall be through a water meter and backflow prevention assembly provided by the City, except that the Utilities Systems Manager may authorize the permittee to provide its own meter and backflow prevention assembly.

The permittee shall pay a deposit of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and a non-refundable meter assembly installation and removal fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) in advance of the City installing the meter assembly on the hydrant. The permittee shall also pay a meter rental charge of five dollars (\$5.00) per calendar day and shall pay for water used at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3).

All water supplied for use outside the corporate limits of the City shall be charged at the rates shown in Section 1.B (3), plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) as identified in Section 2 of this resolution.

The deposit is required for the purpose of assuring that said meter will be returned to the City, and that it will not be damaged. The permittee shall be fully responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant and/or the hydrant meter assembly. If a meter assembly is returned to the City in a damaged condition, or the hydrant is damaged by the permittee's use, the permittee shall be responsible to pay all replacement or repair costs that exceed the deposit amount, in addition to the meter rental and water consumption charges. Replacement or repair costs shall become payable to the City within thirty (30) calendar days after notification and subsequent mailing of an invoice to permittee.

Permittees providing their own meter and backflow prevention assembly shall obtain a Fire Hydrant Use Permit for each hydrant used, and shall use only hydrants designated and approved by the Utilities Systems Manager or his/her designee. Such permittees shall be exempt from the installation/removal fee and meter rental charge, but shall pay a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) deposit, shall pay for all water consumed, and shall be responsible for any damage or loss to the hydrant due to their use of the hydrant.

The permit shall be on site at any time water is to be withdrawn from the hydrant and shall be subject to examination on request of employees of the City. The permittee shall comply with the requirements set forth in the 2015 International Fire Code, Section 901.8 and subsequent editions; and LMC Sections 15.60.050 and 15.60.070.

The Utilities Division shall provide meter readings to the Finance Department, who shall determine and issue the monthly and final billings. The Finance Department shall refund the deposit to the permittee after all charges have been paid and upon verification from the Utilities Operations Manager or his/her designee, that the meter has been returned and that all City-owned property is undamaged.

## **Section 9. Water Shortage Fees.**

During a water shortage emergency as defined in Chapter 15.74 of the Longview Municipal Code, fees shall be assessed as follows for installation and removal of flow restrictor devices on individual water services, or for disconnecting or shutting off services, as provided for to enforce the measures set forth in Chapter 15.74:

¾ -inch to 1 ½ -inch meters: \$150.00

larger than 1 ½ -inch meters: Actual costs for time, material, and equipment

## **Section 10. Temporary Aesthetic Water Quality Rate Reduction**

On January 31, 2013, the City of Longview discontinued supplying its customers with water from the Cowlitz River and began supplying treated groundwater from the Mint Farm Regional Water Treatment plant. Several months later a limited number of customers began experiencing water quality issues due to destabilization of scale build up in the City's water mains. Although the water meets potable standards, objectionable odor, color, and taste characteristics have been experienced by a limited number of customers. As acknowledgement that some customers may receive water with objectionable aesthetic characteristics impacting their daily lives, the following reduced rates will be charged to certain qualifying customers.

### **10.1 Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates**

Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be based on water quality at a specific customer's location.

A. Eligibility: Customers may be eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates upon request by the customer and after verification by City staff that the customer has experienced aesthetic water quality issues related to iron and/or manganese concentrations in the customer's water supply. Customers dealing only with spotting and other issues related to hardness and dissolved solids concentrations, chlorine odor or taste, or other issues not related to iron or manganese concentrations, are not eligible for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates. Eligibility for Aesthetic Water Quality Rates shall be determined by City staff based one or more of the following methods:



- i) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing iron concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.3 mg/l.
- ii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer containing manganese concentration greater than the state Dept. of Health established Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level of 0.05 mg/l.
- iii) Water sample collected by City staff from the water main serving the customer with an apparent color reading of greater than 15 color units.
- iv) Non-quantifiable characteristics as determined by the Public Works Director or his/her designee.
- v) Eligibility testing of a customer's water shall occur no more frequently than once per week. After two tests fail to meet the eligibility criteria, the City will not conduct any further eligibility tests for that customer unless the City identifies a general deterioration of water quality in the City's mains in the area of the customer.

**B. Eligibility Period**

Customers shall be eligible for the Aesthetic Water Quality Rates for a period of two (2) months, after which continued eligibility must be determined in accordance with section 10.1.A.

**10.2 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Inside Corporate Limits**

All water supplied for domestic or commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the City shall be supplied by meter only. The rates for such metered water supplied in any one month or fractional part thereof shall be in accordance with the following schedule but not less than the minimum monthly meter charge. These base monthly rates shall be charged for each month a customer's account is open, regardless of consumption history or actual use during any specific month:

A. Minimum Monthly Meter Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

(1) All Classes Except Irrigation

\$ 6.91	per month for 3/4" x 5/8" meter
\$ 13.93	per month for 1" meter
\$ 25.61	per month for 1-1/2" meter
\$ 39.62	per month for 2" meter
\$ 76.98	per month for 3" meter
\$ 119.02	per month for 4" meter
\$ 235.80	per month for 6" meter
\$ 375.92	per month for 8" meter
\$ 539.41	per month for 10" meter
\$ 772.95	per month for 12" meter

(2) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

B. Consumptive Charges – Aesthetic Water Quality

In addition to the minimum monthly meter charges shown above, the following rates shall be charged for metered water consumed:

(1) Single Family Residence and Duplex

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 1.46 per 100 cu. ft.  
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 1.71 per 100 cu. ft.  
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 2.22 per 100 cu. ft.

(2) Trailer Courts and Apartments (Triplex and above)

All water consumed - \$ 1.68 per 100 cu. ft.

(3) Commercial, Churches, Schools, Hospitals, and Motels/Hotels

For the first 800 cu. ft. or any portion thereof - \$ 1.78 per 100 cu. ft.  
For the next 800 cu. ft. - \$ 2.67 per 100 cu. ft.  
For all over 1,600 cu. ft. - \$ 3.56 per 100 cu. ft.

(4) Irrigation

No reduced rates for irrigation; the rates in Section 1 shall apply.

**10.3 Aesthetic Water Quality Rates Outside the Corporate Limits.**

The rates for water supplied shall be in accordance with the schedule in Section 10.2, plus an additional charge of sixty-five percent (65%) to cover public fire protection costs of the water system serving outside customers and other costs applicable thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Resolution No. 2261, passed by the City Council on April 12, 2018, is hereby repealed in its entirety on the date this Resolution becomes effective.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Longview, Washington, and approved by its Mayor at a special meeting of said City Council held on the 15th day of November, 2018.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk