

CITY OF WHITE SALMON

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-12-911

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON, WA, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.16.025 OF THE WHITE SALMON MUNICIPAL CODE, CLARIFYING MINIMUM RATES AND ENFORCEMENT OF CHARGES, DELETING OBSOLETE SECTIONS AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in November of 2012 the City Council reviewed the draft Water Comprehensive Plan for the City of White Salmon prepared by Anderson and Perry Engineering; and

WHEREAS, it was recommended that customers residing outside the city limits be charged a higher base rate than those customers residing inside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on December 19, 2012 to discuss amendments to WSMC 13.16.025;

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of White Salmon deems it to be in the best interest of the City that water customers outside the city limits be charged water rates different from those water customers inside the city limits;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WHITE SALMON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: by the City Council of the City of White Salmon that the following amendments be made to White Salmon Municipal Code Chapter 13.16:

[added provisions underlined; deleted provisions ~~stricken~~]

SECTION 1 – Amendment to WSMC 13.16.025

Section 13.16.025 is hereby amended to read:

13.16.025 Monthly water fees. The following monthly water fees apply to water users as listed below. As it is used herein the term “water users” shall mean anyone having paid a connection fee and with a water meter installed, regardless of whether water is being used. All charges follow the meter regardless of who owns the property being served:

A. Residential monthly Fees.

Basic Rate: \$39.50

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>	<u>WRAF Surcharge</u>
<u>3/4" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 39.00</u>	<u>\$ 48.75</u>	<u>\$ 0.78</u>
<u>5/8" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 39.00</u>	<u>\$ 48.75</u>	<u>\$ 0.78</u>

Water use:

In addition to the meter charge, water users will be charged for water use per 1,000 gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

~~(1) First 3,000 gallons (1 gal. to 3,000 gallons): \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof.~~

~~(2) Over 3,000 gallons: 2.00 per 1,000 gallons or part thereof.~~

<u>0-3,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
<u>3,001-10,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
<u>Over 10,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

B. Commercial and Irrigation Water Users.

Basic Rate:

1. 1 inch meter	\$70.22
2. 1 1/2 inch meter	\$158.00
3. 2 inch meter	\$280.89
4. 3 inch meter	\$632.00
5. 4 inch meter	\$1,123.55
6. 6 inch meter	\$2,528.00

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>	<u>WRAF Surcharge</u>
<u>1" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 69.33</u>	<u>\$ 86.66</u>	<u>\$ 1.39</u>
<u>1 1/2" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 156.00</u>	<u>\$ 195.00</u>	<u>\$ 3.12</u>
<u>2" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 277.33</u>	<u>\$ 346.66</u>	<u>\$ 5.55</u>
<u>3" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 624.00</u>	<u>\$ 780.00</u>	<u>\$ 12.48</u>
<u>4" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 1,109.33</u>	<u>\$ 1,386.66</u>	<u>\$ 22.19</u>
<u>6" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 2,496.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,120.00</u>	<u>\$ 49.92</u>
<u>8" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 3,327.00</u>	<u>\$ 4,158.75</u>	<u>\$ 66.54</u>
<u>10" Meter</u>	<u>\$ 5,269.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,586.25</u>	<u>\$ 105.38</u>

~~Of the Basic Rate, 1.28% of all Basic Rates shall be allocated to the water rights acquisition fund.~~

Water use:

In addition to the basic rate, water users will be charged for water use per 1,000 gallons or part thereof according to the following schedule:

- ~~1. 1 inch meter first 5,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~
- ~~2. 1 ½ inch meter first 12,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~
- ~~3. 2 inch meter first 21,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~
- ~~4. 3 inch meter first 48,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~
- ~~5. 4 inch meter first 85,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~
- ~~6. 6 inch meter first 192,000 gallons @ \$1.00/1,000 gals, after @ \$2.00/1,000 gallons~~

<u>1" Meter</u>	<u>0-6,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>6,001-20,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 20,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>1 1/2" Meter</u>	<u>0-12,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>12,001-40,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 40,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>2" Meter</u>	<u>0-21,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>21,001-70,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 70,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>3" Meter</u>	<u>0-48,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>48,001-160,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 160,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>4" Meter</u>	<u>0-85,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>85,001-280,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 280,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>
<u>6" Meter</u>	<u>0-192,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 1.00</u>
	<u>192,001-640,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>
	<u>Over 640,000 gallons</u>	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

The usage rates for 8" and 10" meters will be negotiated with the customer and approved by council..

C. The owner or operator of each multiple residential facility shall pay a base monthly Basic Rate equal to the total of the monthly Basic Rates for residential users based upon location and use for each user, plus water charges for residential users.

D. Combination residential/commercial users shall be charged at the following rate, whichever is higher:

1. The monthly Basic Rate for residential users based upon number of units, location and use; plus water charges applicable to residential users, or

2.The monthly Basic Rate for commercial and irrigation users based upon location and meter size plus water charges applicable to commercial or irrigation users.

E. The owner or operator of each hotel or motel shall pay a monthly fee equal to the total of:

1.The monthly Basic Rate for commercial or irrigation users based upon meter size for the first unit; plus water charges applicable to commercial or irrigation users, plus;

2.One base monthly Basic Rate per each additional unit equal to one-half of the residential monthly fee based upon location.

F. Miscellaneous Service Charges.

	<u>In City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
Disconnect fee	\$20.00*	\$28.00*
Reconnect fee	20.00*	28.00*
New account setup fee	5.00	5.00
Late charge-delinquent fee	10.00	10.00

*(after working hours add \$40)

No late charge or delinquent fee shall be charged against any municipal corporation or political subdivision of the state.

G. Date of Imposition of Monthly Fee. Monthly water fees shall be charged from the date of meter installation, and shall continue unless and until the meter is removed.

H. Credit for monthly water fees for irrigation users during periods of low water usage.

1.The clerk-treasurer may grant an irrigation water user a credit against future monthly water fees if the irrigation water user affirmatively establishes each of the following conditions to the satisfaction of the clerk-treasurer:

During any period of at least three months but not more than six months, the average monthly water use per irrigation meter was less than one thousand gallons; and

The application for credit is submitted to the clerk-treasurer within thirty days after the first month of the period for which the credit is requested.

2.The credit shall be the difference between the applicable monthly water fee and the lowest monthly water fee for irrigation users then in effect, based upon the user's location (in city or outside city).

3.Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to require any refund of monthly water fees by the city to any water user.

4.No credit shall be granted unless monthly water fees for the period claimed have been paid on or before the date due.

5.Credits authorized under this section shall apply only to irrigation water used after November 1, 1996.

6.Only one credit per period of not more than six months shall be granted per irrigation water user per year.

7.Prior to processing a request for credit under this section, the clerk-treasurer shall collect an administrative fee of ten dollars per application for credit.

I. Senior Citizen Discount. There will be a discount of 50% on the base residential rate for any customer 62+ years of age or a recipient of Social Security Disability Benefits and an annual household income of 50% or less than the median family income for Klickitat County as provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Any person receiving a discount will need to apply for the discount annually. ~~Rate Break Assistance Program. The following Senior Citizen Rate Break Assistance Program is based on the (WGAP)Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP) Washington Gorge Action Programs (WGAP) under which water/wastewater customers qualify for utility discounts. Based on annual re-qualification applications from people in the program, CAP will provide updated information to the City annually.~~

~~If the CAP service is not used, customer qualification applications will be issued by the City Finance Department, evaluated and approved for those meeting the following income criteria. In order to qualify, customer shall provide updated household income annually to the City. Household income means total income of all residents, over the age of eighteen, of the household served by the City water connection as presented and identified by the Applicant.~~

~~Criteria for the discounts are:~~

- ~~• The applicant must be 62 years of age or older, or a recipient of Social Security Disability Benefits, and~~
- ~~• Annual Household Income Criteria and Discount:~~
 - ~~a. Income: \$1 – \$7,999 = 40% Discount~~
 - ~~b. Income: 8,000 – 9,999 = 30% Discount~~
 - ~~c. Income: 10,000 – 12,999 = 20% Discount~~
 - ~~d. Income: 13,000 – 14,999 = 15% Discount~~
 - ~~e. Income: 15,000 – 18,000 = 10% Discount~~

SECTION 4 - SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, or phrase of this Chapter is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence or phrase of this Chapter.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective following passage and publication as provided by law and beginning with the February 2013 billing, which will include metered water charges for the months of Mid January and Mid February.

PASSED in regular session this 19th day of December 2012.

David R. Poucher, Mayor

Leana Johnson, Clerk Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Kenneth B. Woodrich, City Attorney