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This Ordinance was passed and approved at a regular meeting of the City Council of Lexington, Nebraska, on November 27, 1973, and copies of the Ordinance are available in pamphlet form at the office of the City Clerk of Lexington, Nebraska.



President of the Council

Approved:



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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. Section 27-3 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-3. Metered service required.

All water furnished to business or commercial property or establishments, or where a tap or service larger than three-fourths inch is used, shall be furnished at meter rates through a meter. Water shall be furnished to all residences and property other than business or commercial establishments and where three-fourths inch or smaller tap is used at a flat rate, or at meter rates at the option of the property owner, or as otherwise required by this chapter. All water meters installed in connection with the waterworks system of the city shall measure water consumed in terms of gallons. All meters one inch or smaller shall be installed, maintained and repaired at the expense of the city and shall remain the property of the city. All meters larger than one inch shall be installed, maintained and repaired at the expense of the city and shall remain the property of the city, except that the customer shall reimburse to the city the cost of any meter over one inch.

Section 2. Section 27-8 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-8. Standards for service pipes.

Either lead, copper or 150 P.S.I. plastic pipe duly approved by the city may be used at the option of the applicant in introducing water service from the stop box to the structure or the lawn watering system on applicant's premises. Such service pipe shall be no smaller in diameter than the tap from which it is supplied.

Section 3. Section 27-22 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-22. Tapping procedure and fees generally.

Where it is necessary to tap the water main and install a new service, the applicant for water service from the waterworks system of the city shall accompany his application with a tap fee for a three-fourths inch tap on unpaved streets of one hundred eight dollars and on paved streets of one hundred thirty-eight dollars and for a one inch tap on unpaved streets of one hundred twenty dollars and on paved streets of one hundred fifty dollars. Such tap fee shall be applicable only in such cases where it is only necessary to install sixty feet or less of pipe from the water main to the property line and in such cases where more than sixty feet is required, such extra charge shall be made as may be determined by the city manager. In all cases where application is made for a tap larger than one inch, the tap fee shall in each case be such sum as the city manager may fix and determine as the actual cost and such sum shall be paid in advance.

The city by its city manager will tap or cause to be tapped the commercial main to which the applicant's service pipe will be joined. For the tap aforesaid or which may be fixed and determined as herein provided, the city will furnish a stop or curb box, curb stop, corporation cock and also provide and install pipe, trenching, labor and all necessary attachments to make installation from commercial main to a point at or near the property line of the applicant where the stop box is installed; provided, that the above service shall be furnished for the tap fee aforesaid only in those cases where not more than sixty feet of pipe is required. The applicant at his own expense shall build water service from the curb box in and upon his own premises and shall keep the same in repair. The applicant for water service where property does not abut a commercial main shall pay such tap fee as the city manager shall in each case determine; provided, that this provision shall not be construed as an obligation upon the city to make installation on property which does not abut or adjoin a commercial main of the city. The city will maintain all water mains from the commercial main to the curb box. Applicants for water service whose property is situated outside the city shall pay the tap and installation fees in such sums as the city manager shall in each case fix; provided, that nothing herein shall be construed to obligate the city to furnish water service to nonresidents. Where meters are required or desired, the city shall specify their location and all meter pits shall be constructed and installed by the city. All meters shall be set in a horizontal position so that the same may be visible for reading and also readily accessible for maintenance and operation. All water pits hereafter shall be constructed of such materials and in such design and manner as prescribed by the city manager.

Section 4. Section 27-23 of the Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 27-23. Water rates and fees generally.

Each and every customer of water, where a water meter is used, or required to be used, shall be allowed a minimum amount of two thousand gallons per month, and the minimum charge for such amount shall be two dollars and fifty cents; and for all water used during such month in excess of the minimum of two thousand gallons, the rate charged to and paid by such consumer and property owner shall be as follows:

(a) Metered rate:

2,000 gallon per month-----	minimum \$2.50
Next 3,000 gallon per month-----	30¢ per 1,000 gal.
Next 15,000 gallon per month-----	15¢ per 1,000 gal.
Next 50,000 gallon per month-----	11¢ per 1,000 gal.
Over 70,000 gallon per month-----	9¢ per 1,000 gal.

Sales tax is not included in the above rates.

(b) Residential flat rate:

<u>Area of Property</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Less than 8,750 sq. ft.	\$ 4.00
8,750 sq. ft. to 12,249 sq. ft.	4.80
12,250 sq. ft. to 15,749 sq. ft.	5.60
15,750 sq. ft. to 19,249 sq. ft.	6.50
19,250 sq. ft. to 22,749 sq. ft.	7.40
22,750 sq. ft. to 26,249 sq. ft.	8.40
26,250 sq. ft. to 29,749 sq. ft.	9.40
29,750 sq. ft. to 33,249 sq. ft.	10.30
33,250 sq. ft. to 36,749 sq. ft.	11.20
36,750 sq. ft. to 40,249 sq. ft.	12.00
40,250 sq. ft. to 43,749 sq. ft.	12.80

Sales tax is not included in the above rates.

A residential property occupied by two families shall pay an additional one dollar and fifty cents per month.

Any residential property which is occupied by more than two families shall be serviced at the commercial rate by a meter.

(c) There shall be charged to and paid by the city for annual use of water in the parks, three hundred and twenty dollars, payable quarterly, and one quarter of such amount to be paid at the end of each quarter of the fiscal year; and for the annual use of water in the municipal swimming pool, one hundred and twenty-five dollars, payable quarterly and one quarter of such amount to be paid at the end of each quarter of the fiscal year. There shall be paid annually from the general fund of the city to the water fund, thirty dollars for each fire hydrant used and connected with the water system, which amount shall be payable quarterly at the end of each quarter annual period. There shall be paid

annually from the sewer fund of the city to the water fund one hundred ninety dollars for water used flushing sewer mains, which amount shall be payable quarterly at the end of each quarter annual period. There shall be charged to and paid by the School District No. 1 for the annual use of water on the high school athletic field in the city, including the two additional taps now located on the high school ground in Block "G", in MacColl & Leflang's Addition to the City, the sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars payable quarterly at the end of each quarter annual period. The amounts herein provided to be paid by the city, School District No. 1, and from general and sewer maintenance fund, shall not be subject to discount.

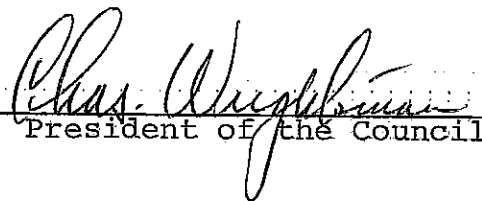
(d) Each and every customer obtaining bulk delivery of water from the Service Building or any other unmetered location shall pay the following rates:

\$1.50 per 1,000 gallons
\$1.25 minimum
No delivery during freezing weather.

Section 5. Sections 27-3, 27-8, 27-22, and 27-23 as written prior to the passage of this Ordinance, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Section 6. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after January 1, 1974. It shall be published by title only and then made available and distributed in pamphlet form.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 27th day of November, 1973.



President of the Council

APPROVED:



City Clerk

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