

NON-CODE ORDINANCE

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Vote: Unanimous, Carney absent

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 98-39(AM)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA ALASKA RE-ENACTING WATER RATES, AND ESTABLISHING A FACILITY RATE AND REPEALING ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 96-32.

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY OF WASILLA, ALASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Classification. This is a non-code ordinance.

Section 2. Purpose. To restate water and service-call rates, and establish a facility rate within the Wasilla Water Service Area.

Section 3. Repeal. Ordinance Serial No. 96-32 is hereby repealed.

Section 4. Enactment.

- (A) **Water Rates.** Metered water service shall be furnished at the rate of \$3.00 per thousand gallons.
- (B) **Bulk Water Sales.** Bulk water sales shall be metered and charged for based on \$3.00 per thousand gallons and shall require prior approval of the water utility operator and a deposit of \$500.00 will be required.
- (C) **Resale of Water.** A written permit is required per Administration Policy 96-03.
- (D) **Temporary Water Service Rates.** Temporary water service may be provided at a fee of \$50.00 for each two weeks of temporary service, payable in advance. Costs of connections, deposits, charges for installation and removal of equipment shall be charged for as stated in Section F below.
- (E) **Monthly Minimum Charge.** The monthly minimum charge for water service shall be \$15.00.

- (F) Service Connection Charge. Where a new tap to a water main is required, the service connection charge shall be the actual cost to the City for making the connection plus 25 percent as specified in WMC 5.10.060(B). Deposits for service connections where the customer provides trench excavation, backfill, compaction and restoration of the surrounding areas to include traveled ways shall be as follows:

0.75"	\$350.00
1.00"	\$400.00
1.50"	\$600.00
2.00"	\$650.00
Larger than 2"	By separate agreement with the Public Works Department.

Key box inspection only will require a \$100.00 deposit.

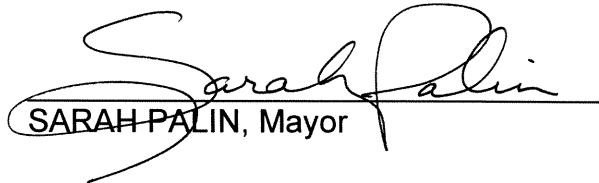
Any excess over the required deposit shall be refunded to the Customer. Any additional costs over and above the deposit will be collected with the first monthly billing for water service.

- (G) Water Service Deposit. No deposit is required for water service. All prior debts for water service, service connections, and service calls owed the water utility by an applicant shall be paid prior to receiving water service. Current or delinquent water assessment fees due, if any, shall be paid.
- (H) Water meter Test Fee. The charge for water meter testing shall be \$50.00.
- (I) Service Call Charge. The charge for service calls to the Customer shall be \$25.00 per hour for each service call between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The charge for service calls at any time other than those hours previously stated and any hours during a holiday shall be \$50.00 per hour with a one-hour minimum charge.
- (1) Each customer is entitled to one free service call for initial turn on of water following application for water service.
 - (2) Delivery of turn-off notices due to late or non-payment of water bills shall be billed to the Customer at \$25.00 per delivery.
- (J) Late Payment Charges. As authorized by 5.10.100(A) a penalty of 8 percent shall be charged for late payments.
- (K) Annual Review. A review of the water system charges and fee structure will be accomplished by the Council in February of each year.

- (L) Facility Rate. A facility charge is hereby instituted as a mechanism to collect off-site assessments required by WMC 5.10.020 and other City of Wasilla installed facilities that benefit individual lots. The facility charge is hereby established at \$11.45 per month and shall be a fixed charge upon which regular-metered water usage will be added. This charge is subject to late payment fees as any other charge, excepting that the facility charge will not be subject to sales tax, or to interest charges. The facility charge is to be applied to the users of a private or public water system on the official take over date, that the system is being merged into the City of Wasilla Water System. The facilities charge will remain in place until all off-site assessments and other charges are paid. Off-site assessments and other related charges, attributable to "undeveloped properties" within the same area or subdivision being merged into the City of Wasilla Water System, must be paid as an additional hook-up charge prior to connecting to the Wasilla Water System and initiation of service.

Section 5. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective upon adoption by the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on this 14th day of September 1998.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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