

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 99-27**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WASILLA ALASKA REPEALING ORDINANCE
SERIAL NO. 98-39(AM) AND SETTING WATER RATES.**

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 set water rates within the Wasilla Water Service
Area.

Section 3. Repeal. Ordinance Serial No. 98-39(AM) is hereby repealed in its
entirety.

Section 4. Enactment. The water rates and procedures within the Wasilla
Water Utility Service areas are hereby adopted as follows:

(A) **Water Rates.** Metered water service shall be furnished at the rate of
\$3.15 per thousand gallons.

(B) **Bulk Water Sales.** Bulk water sales shall be metered and charged for
based on \$3.15 per thousand gallons and shall require prior approval of the water utility
operator. A deposit of \$500 will be required.

(C) **Resale of Water.** A written permit for the resale of water is required per
Administration Policy 96-03.

(D) **Temporary Water Service Rates.** Temporary water service may be
provided at a fee of \$50 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 \$15.75.

(F) Service Connection Charge.

(1) Where a new tap into a water main and the setting of a new keybox is required, the charge shall be the actual cost to the city for making the connection plus 25 percent as specified in WMC 5.10.060(B). The charges 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.

(2) Where a Key box already is set, the charge for inspection of pipe installation shall be \$100.

(G) Water Service Deposit. No deposit is required for a customer's initial start-up of water service. However, 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 also be paid. The city may require a deposit of two months estimated usage for customers who have been disconnected for non-payment of service or non-compliance with regulations.

(H) Water Meter Test Fee. The charge for water meter testing shall be \$50.

(I) Service Call Charge. The charge for service calls on problems, which are the customer's responsibility, shall be \$50 per hour for each service call between the hours of 8 A.M. and 5 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 \$75 per hour with a one-hour minimum charge. Delivery of turn-off notices due to late or non-payment of water bills shall be billed to the Customer at \$25 per delivery.

(J) Late Payment Charges. As authorized by WMC 5.10.100(A) a penalty of 8 percent shall be charged for late payments.

(K) Annual Review. Annually, the Public Works Director shall make a review of the water system charges and the fee structure, and any recommended changes should be presented to the council in the first quarter of each calendar 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 July 1, 1999.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 14, 1999.


SARAH PALIN, Mayor

ATTEST:


KRISTIE L. VANGORDER, CMC/AE
City Clerk

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