

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 04-41(AM)**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WMC 13.04.080, WATER RATES, TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BULK WATER USE THROUGH FIRE HYDRANTS.

* **Section 1. Classification.** This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

* **Section 2. Amendment of section.** WMC 13.04.080, Water rates, is amended to read as follows:

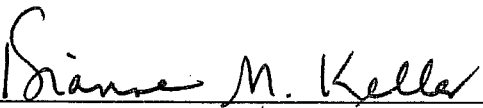
13.04.080 Water rates.

A. Metered water service shall be furnished at the rate of four dollars and fifty-five cents (\$4.55) per thousand (1,000) gallons, subject to a monthly minimum charge of twenty-two dollars and seventy-five cents (\$22.75). Bulk water sales shall be subject to the prior approval of the water utility operator, and shall be metered and furnished at the rate of four dollars and fifty-five cents (\$4.55) per thousand (1,000) gallons. A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required for bulk water sales. **The use of a hydrant for bulk water will require a rental rate of two hundred dollars (\$200) per month for a meter and back flow prevention device provided by the city to the contractor. A deposit of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) is required for the meter and back flow prevention device to connect to the hydrant.** Temporary water service may be provided at a fee of **one hundred and** fifty dollars (\$**150.00**) for each two weeks of temporary service, payable in advance.

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* **Section 3. Effective date.** This ordinance shall take effect upon adoption of the Wasilla City Council.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on June 28, 2004.



DIANNE M. KELLER, Mayor

ATTEST:



KRISTIE L. SMITHERS, MMC
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

RE: ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 04-41: PROVIDING SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR BULK WATER USE THROUGH FIRE HYDRANTS.

Agenda of: Introduction on June 14, 2004
Originator: Public Works Director

Date: May 26, 2004

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Library, Museum	
X	Public Works Planning	<i>[Signature]</i> 06-03-04 6/3/04
X	Finance *signature required	<i>[Signature]</i> 6/3/04
X	Clerk	<i>[Signature]</i>

REVIEWED BY MAYOR DIANNE M. KELLER:

[Signature: Dianne M. Keller]

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no

Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:

Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: This ordinance provides specific requirements for bulk water use through fire hydrants. Fire hydrant use for bulk water typically occurs for construction projects, and this use poses a risk to the water system. In the event a water line break occurs near a bulk water hydrant, the hydrant could backflow and pull unsanitary water into the distribution system. No means of backflow prevention occurs at this time, and requiring each vendor to obtain a backflow prevention device is cost prohibited.

The utility is proposing to supply the necessary backflow prevention device and require a deposit for the unit. A water meter will also be supplied with the backflow prevention device. The water meter will track actual water use. Currently no water meters are used and the water is accounted for by truck tank size and number of trips. This ordinance also increases the fee for construction water that occurs through a water service connection at an individual property. The fee increase reflects the actual staff time required for the service and provides an incentive to become a metered water service as soon as practical.