

AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER SERVICE RATES, AND RELATED MATTERS;  
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 290; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The city of Sweet Home does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the authority vested in it by the law, the common council of Sweet Home does hereby fix the charges and rates for the use of the services rendered by the waterworks system of said city to the users thereof.

Section 2. All rates to be paid for said water system service shall be deemed a charge against, and shall be paid by the owners of the respective parcels of real property serviced, notwithstanding the fact that such property may be occupied by a tenant or tenants.

Section 3. Rates shall generally be charged for the use of the said water service upon the basis of the volume of water used, and the charges based upon said rates shall be payable at the city hall. The city manager shall have authority to deprive the property concerned of said water service for failure to pay the water service charges and the service shall not be resumed until satisfactory arrangement for payment has been made with the city.

Section 4. In case any water service payable under this ordinance or any amendment thereof shall not be paid when due, then the amount or amounts thereof, together with a penalty of 10 percent, and interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum, may be recovered by action at law in the name of the city. In addition, there shall be a reconnection charge of \$5.00 for each connection, as the cost of reinstating the water service for any property deprived of such service as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance.

Section 5. The rates per 100 cubic feet of water to be charged for each bi-monthly period hereafter billed are as follows:

Group I: For single-family dwellings actually used for residential purposes. A single-family dwelling is limited to dwellings in which not more than two people who are not members of the immediate family live as members of the family.

For 400 cubic feet or less, a minimum of \$4.50.

For more than 400 cubic feet, \$4.50 plus \$0.35 per 100 cubic feet for the next 100 cubic feet.

For more than 500 cubic feet, \$4.85 plus \$0.65 per 100 cubic feet for the next 1,300 cubic feet.

For more than 1,800 cubic feet, \$13.30 plus \$0.43 per 100 cubic feet.

Group II: For commercial and multi-family dwellings, including two or more units serviced by one meter, the rates shall be:

For 400 cubic feet, or less, a minimum of \$6.50.

For more than 400 cubic feet, \$6.50 plus \$0.72 per 100 cubic feet for the next 600 cubic feet.

For more than 1,000 cubic feet, \$10.82 plus \$0.58 per 100 cubic feet for the next 800 cubic feet.

For more than 1,800 cubic feet, \$15.46 plus \$0.43 per 100 cubic feet for the next 1,000 cubic feet.

The rate for all over 2,800 cubic feet shall be \$19.76 plus \$0.32 per 100 cubic feet.

Group III: For industrial users, the following rates shall be charged monthly:

For 1,400 cubic feet, or less, a minimum of \$9.88.

For more than 1,400 cubic feet, \$9.88 plus \$0.60 per 100 cubic feet for the next 1,200 cubic feet.

For more than 2,600 cubic feet, \$17.08 plus \$0.40 per 100 cubic feet for the next 47,400 cubic feet.

For more than 50,000 cubic feet, \$206.68 plus \$0.35 per 100 cubic feet for the next 150,000 cubic feet.

For more than 200,000 cubic feet, \$731.68 plus \$0.30 per 100 cubic feet for the next 300,000 cubic feet.

Over 500,000 cubic feet, \$1,631.68 plus \$0.20 per 100 cubic feet.

Group IV: For all consumers outside the city limits, the rate charged shall be one and one-half times the rate charged to consumers in comparable groups within the city limits.

Section 6. Minimum monthly charge for service through meters larger than three-fourths inch shall be at the rate of \$2.90 per inch diameter of the meter.

Section 7. All revenues received by the recorder from such waterworks system shall be separately kept, designated, and paid over by him to the treasurer of the city of Sweet Home; and such funds shall be kept by said treasurer of the city of Sweet Home, separate from all other funds; and such system of bookkeeping shall be adopted by him as shall show all receipts in, and disbursements from, said fund, and the purposes to which the disbursements have been applied.

Section 8. No water service shall be installed by the city until the potential customer has installed a cutoff valve between the meter and the outlet. The city of Sweet Home reserves the right to refuse or discontinue water service to any premises where the plumbing inspector of the city of Sweet Home has determined that the plumbing facilities, appliances, and/or equipment using water are not installed and/or operating in accordance with the plumbing code of the city of Sweet Home and endanger the public health. Water service may be refused to any premises as long as said conditions exist. However, water service that is being furnished to an occupied premises may be discontinued only after notice of the condition of the plumbing that endangers the public health has been mailed by certified or registered mail to the owner of record, and said notice also has been given to the occupant of the premises, either personally by posting the notice on the premises or by mailing the notice to him by certified or registered mail at least seven days prior to the time that the water service is terminated.

Section 9. It shall be unlawful for any person to turn on or off any cutoff valve controlling water service to his or other property, or to take water from the city water system without the consent of the city. Persons violating this section shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$25.00, or imprisonment not to exceed 13 days, or both.

Section 10. The city manager shall prescribe such rules and regulations as necessary for carrying out the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 11. Ordinance numbered 290 is hereby repealed.

Section 12. Emergency Clause. The city council hereby determines that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is immediately necessary for the protection of the present health, safety, and good of the city of Sweet Home and the property owners and citizens thereof, and, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage by the council and approval by the mayor.

PASSED by the Council and approved by the Mayor this 11<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 1980.

[Signature]  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Max C. Thompson  
City Manager-ExOfficio City Recorder