

ORDINANCE BILL NO. 3 FOR 1986

ORDINANCE NO. 941

AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER SERVICE RATES, AND RELATED MATTERS;
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 785; 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. The person(s) opening the account and person(s) occupying the premises served shall be responsible for payment of all charges prescribed in this ordinance. Service may be denied to any person who has left an unpaid water bill at another address, until such bill is paid.

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. All bills are due when mailed and shall become delinquent if not paid within 15 days. If a bill is not paid by the time it becomes delinquent, a delinquent notice shall be mailed to the customer. If the bill is not paid by the date specified in the delinquent notice, the City Manager shall have the 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 arrangements for payment have been made with the City. Service may be denied to any person until restitution has been made for any damage or loss of revenue resulting from tampering with or bypassing water meters or locking devices.

Section 4. There shall be a charge of \$8.50 for each connection, as the cost of reinstating the water service to any property deprived of such service as provided in Section 3 of this ordinance. There shall be a charge of \$15.00 in addition to the above charge for reinstating service if the service has been turned on or tampered with by persons other than City employees, when that service has been turned off under provisions of Section 3 of this ordinance. There shall also be a charge of \$30.00 for turning a service off or turning a service on at the request of the water user at any time other than the regular working hours of the City employees that perform those services. There shall be no fee for turning off and turning on the water service at the user's request during the regular working hours of said City employees. For a meter reread request by the water user there shall be no charge if the regular reading by a City employee is found to be in error. If there is no error when a reread has been requested, the water user shall pay a fee of \$4.00 for each such reread. The Public Works Department shall provide information to customers regarding how to read the meter.

Section 5. The rates for water used to be charged for each billing period after May 1, 1986 are as follows:

A minimum charge for each water service will be made according to meter size as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>
3/4 inch	\$ 4.75
1 inch	5.25
1½ inch	8.67
2 inch	10.83
4 inch	32.17
6 inch	44.33

A charge of \$0.95 per 100 cu. ft. for volumes of water used in addition to the minimum charge for each meter size shall be made.

For water users outside the City limits, the rate charged shall be one and one-half times the rate charged to water users within the City limits.

Section 6. Water Account Deposits.

(a) A deposit of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) in advance shall be required on each new water account and for each customer whose water service has been turned off for non-payment, before water service is commenced or resumed.

(b) The City shall pay interest at the rate of six percent (6%) per annum on said deposit, which shall be credited annually on the water account, and applied or paid on any termination of the account.

(c) Upon any termination of the water service, the deposit and any accrued interest shall be applied as payment on the account and the balance shall be refunded.

(d) When an owner resides on his property, has paid the water deposit, and has maintained a good payment record on his water bills continuously for one year, then upon request by the owner, the City shall refund the deposit plus accrued interest to the owner.

Section 7. All revenues received by the City from such waterworks system shall be separately kept by the Treasurer of the City of Sweet Home from all other funds and 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 Public Works Director 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 Oregon State Health rules and 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 7 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. Violations of this ordinance constitute an infraction and may be prosecuted under the provisions of Ordinance No. 876.

Section 10. The City Manager shall prescribe such rules and regulations as necessary for carrying out the provision of this ordinance.

Section. 11. Ordinance No. 785 and all ordinances amending Ordinance No. 785 are hereby repealed.

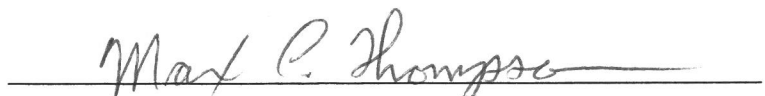
Section 12. Emergency Clause. The City Council hereby determines that existing conditions are such that this ordinance is immediately necessary for the protection of the present health, safety and good of the City of Sweet Home and the property owners and citizens thereof and, therefore, an emergency 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 19th day of May, 1986.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Manager - Ex Officio City Recorder