

First Reading: 03/25/2024

Bill No. 24-17

Second Reading: 04/08/2024

Ordinance No.: 240325A

**AN ORDINANCE** amending Title VII, Utilities, Chapter 705, Waterworks System, Article II, Water Service, Section 705.040, Water Rates, of the Municipal Code of the City of Willard.

WHEREAS, the City of Willard owns and operates a municipal water supply, storage and distribution system permitted by the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard has experienced a continual increase of cost for operating, and maintaining the water service systems of the City of Willard; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard has determined that current rates are insufficient to cover the costs associated with providing those services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard has found it necessary to raise the water rates for City water customers.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1: The City does hereby amend Title VII, Utilities, Chapter 705, Waterworks System, Article II, Water Service, Section 705.040, Water Rates of the Municipal Code of the City of Willard.

**SECTION 705.040: WATER RATES**

A. Except as provided for bulk at a flat rate, every user of water from the municipal water system of the City of Willard, Missouri, shall use said water only after it has been metered in a water meter to be furnished, installed, regulated, and controlled by said City and the applicant for each meter, on behalf of him or her, shall pay for said water used at the following monthly rate:

1. For the first one thousand (1000) gallons used in each month, **the rate shall be fifteen dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$15.28) for Residential and Commercial, and sixteen dollars and sixty-three cents (\$16.63) for rural Residential and rural Commercial.**
2. For the next one thousand (1000) gallons or portion thereof used in each month, **the rate shall be two dollars and eighty-six cents (\$2.86) for Residential and Commercial, and three dollars and twelve cents (\$3.12) for Rural Residential and Commercial.**
3. For each additional one thousand (1000) gallons or portion thereof used each month, the rate shall be **two dollars and eighty-six cents (\$2.86) per one thousand (1000) gallons or portion thereof for Residential and Commercial, and three dollars and twelve cents (\$3.12) for Rural Residential and Commercial.**

B. In the event that less than one thousand (1000) gallons is used in any one (1) month by a user the **minimum rate of fifteen dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$15.28) for Residential and Commercial, and sixteen dollars and sixty-three cents (\$16.63) for Rural Residential and Commercial shall be charged and paid.**

NOTE: Language that is **Bold and Underlined** has been added and language that has been ~~struck through and bracketed~~ shall be deleted.

Section 2: Savings Clause. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred, nor any cause or causes of action occurred or existing, under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this ordinance. In the event of any conflict between this ordinance and any other law, regulation, or ordinance, the more restrictive shall apply.

Section 3: Severability Clause. If any section, subdivision, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The Board of Aldermen hereby declares that it would have adopted the ordinance and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from April 8, 2024.

  
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Mayor

Attest: Dona Slater, City Clerk Dona Slater

Approved as to form: \_\_\_\_\_, City Attorney Holly Dodge

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD,  
MISSOURI ON THE 8 DAY OF April, 2024.