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Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, §301-17 Water Rates and Charges, §301-19 Fire Service Charges and §301-28 Bulk Water Charges

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Council Member RUGGIERO, Lisa A.  
Council Member SHOEN, Benjamin P.  
Mayor PIERCE, Sarah V.C.

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***Introduced by Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero***

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council that Chapter 301 of the Code of the City of Watertown is hereby amended by deleting Sections 301-17 (A), (B), (D), (E) and (H), Sections 301-19 and Sections 301-28 and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council that the Code of the City of Watertown, Chapter 301 is hereby amended by adding thereto new Sections 301-17 (A), (B), (D), (E) and (H), Section 301-19 and Section 301-28 as follows:

301-17. Water Rates and Charges.

The rate for both domestic and industrial metered water within the City of Watertown shall be as follows:

A. Meter rates:

(1) Quarterly meter rates

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate [(per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons))]</u>
First 1,200 cubic feet (8,976 gallons)	\$ 46.37 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)
Over 1,200 cubic feet (8,976 gallons)	\$ 31.34 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)

(2) Monthly meter rates

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate [(per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons))]</u>
First 400 cubic feet (2,992 gallons)	\$ 46.37 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)
Over 400 cubic feet (2,992 gallons)	\$ 31.34 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)

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B. Minimum charge for City use:

(1) Quarterly charge for City use

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
5/8	900	6,732	\$ 41.73
3/4	1,500	11,220	65.04
1	2,700	20,196	102.64
1 1/2	5,100	38,148	177.84
2	8,400	62,832	281.24
3	15,900	118,932	516.24
4	26,400	197,472	845.22
6	51,900	388,212	1,644.20
8	84,000	628,320	2,649.97
10	120,000	897,600	3,777.94

(2) Monthly charge for City use

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
5/8	300	2,244	\$ 13.91
3/4	500	3,740	21.68
1	900	6,732	34.22
1 1/2	1,700	12,716	59.28
2	2,800	20,944	93.74
3	5,300	39,644	172.08
4	8,800	65,824	281.75
6	17,300	129,404	548.07
8	28,000	209,440	883.33
10	40,000	299,200	1,259.32

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D. Where water is supplied to premises situated outside the City and not covered by contract, the rates for both domestic and industrial metered water shall be as follows:

<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate [(per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons))]</u>
First 1,200 cubic feet (8,976 gallons)	\$ 55.64 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)
Over 1,200 cubic feet (8,976 gallons)	\$ 37.62 per 1,000 cubic feet (7,480 gallons)

E. Minimum Charge Quarterly for outside City use:

<u>Meter Size (inches)</u>	<u>Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Minimum Charge</u>
5/8	900	6,732	\$ 50.08
3/4	1,500	11,220	78.06
1	2,700	20,196	123.17
1 1/2	5,100	38,148	213.42
2	8,400	62,832	337.50
3	15,900	118,932	619.44
4	26,400	197,472	1,014.26
6	51,900	388,212	1,973.04
8	84,000	628,320	3,179.97
10	120,000	897,600	4,533.51

H. Partial tax exemption rates:

- (1) For those customers who qualify under the partial tax exemption for real property of aged persons and who reside within the City of Watertown, the quarterly basis on which they will be billed for water usage shall be the amount of water actually used by such a property owner. The rates set forth in §301-17A, B and C shall not apply to these property owners.
- (2) The rates set forth within this subsection shall only apply to that portion of a residence which is actually inhabited by the elderly property owner who qualifies for the partial tax exemption of real property. If other portions of the residence are occupied by nonqualified rate payers, they shall pay the standard City rates.

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(3) The rate structure for this subsection shall be as follows:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1	\$ 4.65
2	\$ 9.29
3	\$ 13.94
4	\$ 18.58
5	\$ 23.23
6	\$ 27.87
7	\$ 32.52
8	\$ 37.16

301-19. Fire Service Charges.

The charge for fire service pipes shall be as follows:

<u>Size of Service (inches)</u>	<u>Monthly Charges</u>	
	<u>Inside City</u>	<u>Outside City</u>
2	\$ 4.18	\$ 8.36
3	\$ 8.48	\$ 16.96
4	\$ 12.22	\$ 24.44
6	\$ 24.59	\$ 49.18
8	\$ 36.59	\$ 73.58
10	\$ 49.15	\$ 98.30

301-28 Bulk water charges.

A. The charges for water obtained from the bulk fill station at the Water Treatment Plant, 1707 Huntington Street, or through fire hydrants, if proper permits have been obtained and authorization has been given by the Department for such use, or from any other authorized source within the City shall be as follows:

(1) Zero to 1,000 gallons: \$ 8.15

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(2) For each additional 100 gallons or fractional portion thereof: \$0.81

B. There shall be a minimum charge of \$8.15 plus a service and processing fee of \$2.50 for each bill sent to a consumer or user of bulk water. Bills shall normally be sent once per month for each month in which water is obtained. Payment is due within 30 days from the date of the invoice. Failure to pay the outstanding balance within 30 days will result in termination of service. There shall be a fee of \$10 to reinstate the bulk-fill-station account after the outstanding balance has been paid in full.

And,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall be instituted with the water bills dated on or after July 1, 2024 and contained on all bills after it has been published once in the official newspaper of the City of Watertown, or as the City Manager directs.

*Seconded by* Council Member Clifford G. Olney III

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# ORDINANCE

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By: Council Member Lisa A. Ruggiero

Date: June 3, 2024

Title: Ordinance 1 - Amending the Code of the City of Watertown, §301-17 Water Rates and Charges, §301-19 Fire Service Charges and §301-28 Bulk Water Charges

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STATE OF NEW YORK  
JEFFERSON COUNTY  
CITY OF WATERTOWN } ss:

I, Ann M. Saunders, City Clerk of the City of Watertown, hereby certify that the within Ordinance was adopted at a meeting of the City Council of said City, held June 3, 2024 and that the same is the whole of said Ordinance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal of said City  
of Watertown, New York



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City Clerk