

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 1023**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING NBMC SECTIONS 13.04.060 AND 13.12.135, INCREASING RATES AND
PROVIDING FOR DISCOUNTS ON CASH PAYMENTS.**

WHEREAS, The city will be anticipates accepting credit card payments for water and sewer bills, and;

WHEREAS, the city will incur additional costs for the acceptance of credit card payments, and must increase rates to cover these costs; and

WHEREAS, the city does not wish to burden customers who pay with cash or check with these additional costs;

NOW, THEREFORE, The City Council of the City of North Bonneville does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Amending section 13.04.060, Rate Schedule

Section 13.04.060 is hereby amended as follows:

13.04.060 Rate Schedule.

All water services shall be metered.

- A) The minimum monthly service charge for water for all customers shall be ~~\$20.89~~ \$21.42.
- B) Multifamily dwellings shall have each dwelling unit individually metered and shall be billed accordingly. The minimum monthly service charge for water furnished to multifamily dwellings not individually metered shall be ~~\$20.89~~ \$21.42 multiplied by the number of units serviced.
- C) Meter Charge for Water Consumption.
The minimum service charge shall not include any water. All water shall be charged in increments of 100 cubic feet. ~~In 2013 the~~ The rate shall be ~~\$4.72~~ \$1.76 per 100 cubic feet. On January 1st of each year thereafter, this rate shall increase according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of August of the previous year, rounded to the nearest penny.
- D) Service for fire protection systems will be charged on a metered basis.
 - 1. All fire protection systems (whether sprinkler or hydrant) shall be installed and billed as a separate service from any main water service.
 - 2. All fire protection systems will be equipped with flow-detector check valves and backflow prevention valves at customer's expense.

3. Use of water through a fire protection system for uses other than fire protection is strictly prohibited. The city reserves the right to bring a civil action for damages against any person who uses water through a fire protection system for uses other than fire protection, according to RCW 80.28.240.

E) Payments made by cash, check, or electronic funds transfer shall receive a 2.5% discount on the above rates.

Section 2. Amending section 13.12.135, Rate Schedule

Section 13.12.135 is hereby amended as follows:

13.12.135 Rate schedule.

A) Base Rate.

The base rate for all customers shall be ~~\$23.15~~ \$23.74 multiplied by the number of units served, except for those discussed in subparagraphs 1 and 2 below.

1. The base rate for a lodging facility shall be ~~\$11.58~~ \$11.88 per unit.
2. There shall be no base rate for RV Parks that are not connected to the city's water system.

B) Consumption Charge.

In addition to the base rate, each customer shall pay ~~\$3.50~~ \$3.59 per 100 cubic feet of water consumption, payable in increments of 100 cubic feet or any portion thereof. Water consumption will be determined each year by averaging the customer's water meter reading during the months of November through February. This average monthly usage shall be applied to each customer's monthly bill until it is next updated. Average consumption shall be re-computed in March of each year.

1. Customers without previous history upon which to calculate an average consumption shall be charged according to the city-wide average consumption for their type of use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial) as of the preceding calculation.
2. For the purpose of calculation, customers who do not occupy their homes for any period in excess of one month between November 1st and March 1st shall be charged according to the city-wide average consumption for their type of use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial) as of the preceding calculation.
3. Utility customers who voluntarily and temporarily turn their water off shall continue to pay the applicable water minimum monthly service charges. Customers who ask the city to turn their water off permanently or who have been turned off by the city will not continue to pay the monthly service charges until their service has been restarted.

For the purposes of this section "temporarily" shall mean less than six contiguous months.

4. Customers must request the city to turn their water off in order to avoid monthly service charges.
 5. Customers who routinely discharge less water into the sewer system than they consume through the water system may apply to the city council for an amended rate, which may be the city-wide average consumption for their type of use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial).
- C) RV Parks and Campgrounds.
RV Parks and Campgrounds that are not connected to the city's water system shall provide the monthly accounting of the number of spaces occupied under a monthly lease and the number of transient customers. Such RV Parks shall be charged \$33.48 for each space under a monthly lease and \$1.03 per transient customer per day.
- D) Annual Increase.
On March 1st of each year, this rate shall increase according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) as of August of the previous year, rounded to the nearest penny. (Ord. 1015, 2012; Ord. 1004, 2012; Ord. 992, 2011; Ord. 982, 2011;
- E) Payments made by cash, check, or electronic funds transfer shall receive a 2.5% discount on the above rates.

Section 3. Severability.

The provisions of this ordinance are declared separate and severable. The invalidity of any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section, or portion of this ordinance or the invalidity of the application thereof to any person or circumstance, shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the ordinance, or the validity of its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 4. Published and Effective Date.

A summary of this ordinance consisting of its title shall be published in the official newspaper of the City. This ordinance shall take effect five days after its publication.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON JULY 9, 2013.

ATTEST:

Don Stevens, Mayor

John Spencer, City Clerk