

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 1022**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, PROVIDING FOR ONE-TIME ADJUSTMENTS TO SEWER BILLS.

WHEREAS, North Bonneville Municipal Code 13.04.200 provides for one-time adjustments to water bills when property owners discover water leaks, and;

WHEREAS, sewer bills are based on winter-time average water consumption; and

WHEREAS, a water leak during the winter averaging period would lead to unexpectedly high sewer charges for the rest of the year, and;

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

Section 1. 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 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 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 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. Customers must request the city to turn their water off in

order to avoid monthly service charges.

4. 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).
5. Landowners who apply for a water usage adjustment under section 13.04.200 may also apply for an adjustment of consumption-based sewer bills per the adjustment procedures and limitations provided in that section.

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.

Section 2. 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 3. 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 JUNE 11, 2013.

ATTEST:

Don Stevens, Mayor

John Spencer, City Clerk

Current Code for Water Adjustments

13.04.200 Adjustments.

Installation and maintenance of water service lines from the meter to the building or premises of private property is the responsibility of the private landowner, as well as any water lost due to leaks or breakage.

In the event of a leak the owner may be entitled to an adjustment on their bill. The landowner must report the leak's discovery to the city within seven (7) days of discovery and provide proof of repair of the leak within ten (10) days of discovery. After these conditions have been met the owner may apply to the city for an adjustment of the metered excess charges. All applications for adjustments will be submitted to and reviewed by the City Clerk/Treasurer. The adjusted rate for the period in which the leak was detected shall be equal to the metered water charges of the same period from the previous years as the month the leak was detected. Said usage shall be the adjusted rate for the period in which the leak was detected. All leak adjustments will be approved by the City Council prior to crediting the account. The landowner shall be entitled to the benefits of this section not more than one (1) time per recorded owner or owners per property. Credits shall not be permitted on account of leaking toilets, plumbing fixtures or hoses.