CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE **ORDINANCE NUMBER 1083**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, AMENDING NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 13.04 WATER SYSTEM AND 13.12 SEWER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the City of North Bonneville finds it useful to evaluate its City water code from time to time to assure its policies and practices are not in conflict with adopted resolutions, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council believes updating the code serves the public's best interests.

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

Legend:

New language added = underlined Old language deleted = strikethrough

Section 1.

Amending CHAPTER 13.04 Water System as follows:

Rate schedule. 13.04.060

All water services shall be metered.

A. The minimum monthly service charge for water for all customers shall be in accordance

with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule.

B. Multifamily dwellings shall have each dwelling unit individually metered. The minimum monthly service charge for water furnished to multifamily dwellings not individually metered shall be in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule 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 by way of a consumption fee in increments of 100 cubic feet charged in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule. The cubic feet rate measurement shall be rounded upwards to the next 100 cubic feet.

On January March 1st of each year the water base and consumption rates 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. This rate increase shall appear on the March May

billing.

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 prohibited with the exceptions noted in subparagraph D 4 below. 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.

4. A City fire hydrant may be available for certain types of temporary usage through a permitting and metering process in accordance with the provisions of 13.04.290.

Billing on Closed Water Connections. 13.04.064

Utility customers who temporarily request have their water be turned off by the City shall continue to pay the applicable minimum monthly water service charge base rate but shall not be charged a consumption fee. Customers who ask the City to turn their water off permanently as evidenced by the city locking their water meter or who have had their water service shut off by the City for nonpayment shall not continue to pay the monthly service charges or consumption charge until the service has been restarted. For health and safety reasons the City shall notify the County Health District whenever a utility service disconnected for non-payment has not been restored within seven [7] days.

Section 2.

Amending SECTION 13.12 Sewer System as follows:

Rate schedule. 13.12.135

A. Base Rate.

The sewer base rate shall be charged each utility customer in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule multiplied by the number of units served. except for those fees discussed in subparagraphs 1 and 2 below.

1. The base rate for a lodging facility shall be in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule per unit.

B. Consumption Charge.

In addition to the base rate, each customer shall pay a consumption fee for each 100 cubic feet of water (748 gallons) consumed and payable in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule. Water consumption will be determined each year by averaging the customer's water meter reading during the months November through February. This average monthly usage shall be applied to each customer's monthly bill until the next averaging update. Average consumption shall be re-computed in March of each year.

- 1. A property owner or account holder whose property does not have a sufficient history to calculate an average water consumption shall be charged according to the City-wide average consumption based on zoning and/or use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial). Those subject to averaging include residential property owners or account holder who do not occupy their dwelling between November 1st and March 1st, this being the time period when averaging is determined. Once a property's history has been established, the account will be re-evaluated every March.
- 2. A property owner or account holder who occupies a dwelling less than one month between November 1st and March 1st shall be charged according to the City-wide averaging process based on zoning and/or use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial)
- 3. A property owner or account holder who has their water turned off shall continue to pay the applicable water and sewer monthly service charges but shall not be charged a consumption fee. Customers who ask the City to turn their water off permanently as evidenced by the City locking their water meter or those whose water has been turned off by the City shall not continue to pay the monthly sewer and water service charges or consumption charges until service has been restarted.
- 4. A property owner or account holder 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 based on zoning and/or use (i.e. single family, multi-family, commercial).

5. A property owner or account holder who applies for a water usage adjustment under section 13.04.200 may also apply for an adjustment of consumption-based sewer bills in accordance with the City's adjustment procedures.

C. RV Parks and Campgrounds.

An RV Park owner whose property is connected to the City's water system shall pay a sewer base fee for every RV site occupied on a monthly basis through lease arrangement and a prorated monthly sewer base fee for every transient site [RV or Campground] occupied for less than a month. The base fee shall be according to the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule. In addition to the sewer base rate the RV Park owner will pay a consumption fee for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed and payable in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule.

D. B. Annual Increase.

On March 1st of each year, the sewer base and consumption rates shall increase according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). relying on the August reading of the previous year, rounded to the nearest penny This rate increase shall appear on the May billing.

Section 3.

Severability.

If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

Effective Date and Publication.

This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication of the Ordinance, or a summary thereof consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City.

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