

**CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NUMBER 1092**

**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 has found that using the annual Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) to adjust rates automatically has been burdensome, inaccurate and untimely, and;

WHEREAS, the City, after careful study and consideration of all the facts, desires to set these fees as needed by resolution of the City Council and not automatically by the CPI-U, and;

WHEREAS, the City of North Bonneville also 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 do hereby ordain as follows:

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 Old language deleted = ~~strikethrough~~

Section 1.

**Amending
CHAPTER 13.04 Water System 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 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.

~~On 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 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.

13.04.120 Water shut off.

A. In the event the City shuts off a water supply for non-utility payment, the property owner/account holder will be assessed a turn on fee in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule. Shutoff water valves located on public property or within a utility easement are public property and only City employees are authorized to turn them off.

B. It is unlawful for a person to tamper with, or in any manner deface a public water meter or valve or otherwise re-establish a discontinued service, except as provided in this section. Where water service has been discontinued for any reason and the water is subsequently turned on by the customer or other unauthorized person, the City staff may respond by shutting off the water main and/or remove the meter. The charge for shutting off the water at the main or removing the meter shall be computed to actual cost to the department plus 20% overhead.

C. Should a property owner/account holder wish to have the public water valve turned off to check for a leak or to address some repair or maintenance issue, the City will provide this service free of charge with at least one business day notice. Any request to turn off water service which requires immediate action by authorized City staff and cannot be accomplished during regular working hours, shall be deemed to constitute an emergency shut off. An emergency shut off is subject to payment of a fee in accordance with the adopted utility rates, charges and fees schedule.

D. If a property owner/account holder turns off a public water valve connected to their property because of an emergency situation where they contacted City Hall seeking assistance prior to that action, they shall not be charged a meter inspection fee but shall assume responsibility for costs associated with impairment to the water system that may result from that action.

~~E. Utility customers who request their water be temporarily turned off will continue to pay the applicable water and sewer monthly service charges but shall not be charged a consumption fee.~~

E. The City is not responsible for the care or maintenance of private water shut off valves. The property owner/account holder may turn their private water valve off at any time. Shutting off a private water valve does not reduce the property owner/account holder's monthly utility billing obligation.

Section 2.

Amending

SECTION 13.12 Sewer System as follows:

13.12.135 Rate schedule.

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.

~~B. Annual Increase.~~

~~On March 1st of each year, the sewer base shall increase according to the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). This rate increase shall appear on the May billing.~~

Section 3.

Severability.

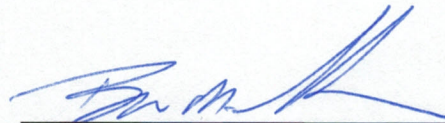
If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 4.

Effective Date and Publication.

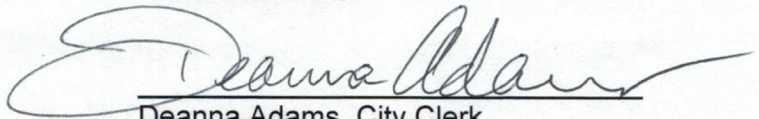
This Ordinance shall be effective five days after publication of the Ordinance, or a summary thereof consisting of its title, in the official newspaper of the City.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON FEB. 27, 2018.



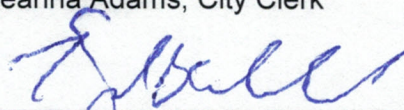
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Attest:



Deanna Adams, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



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