CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 1015

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, TEMPORARILY AMENDING NORTH BONNEVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 13 BY AMENDING SECTIONS 13.04.060 AND 13.12.135.

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville must maintain a positive balance in its utility accounts, and;

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville Water and Sewer Funds are experiencing temporary expenses that exceed their revenues, and;

Whereas, the City of North Bonneville sees no further opportunities to cut expenses in its water and sewer funds without putting community health in jeopardy, and;

Whereas, the rate increases created by this ordinance are temporary in nature and shall expire in 2015 when the Water and Sewer interfund loans are paid off;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH BONNEVILLE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. **Amending Section 13.04.060 Water Rate Schedule**
Section 13.04.060 "Rate Schedule" " is amended to read as follows:

13.04.060 Rate Schedule.
All water services shall be metered, and the meters shall be read bimonthly.
A. The minimum monthly service charge for water for all customers shall be ~~$17.00~~ $20.89.

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 ~~$17.00~~ $20.89 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 2012 the rate shall be ~~$1.66~~ $1.72 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.

Section 2. <u>Amending Section 13.12.135 Sewer Rate Schedule</u>

Section 13.12.135 “Rate Schedule” ” is amended to read as follows:

13.12.135 Rate Schedule.

A. Base Rate.

The base rate for all customers shall be ~~$20.00~~ <u>$23.15</u> 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 ~~$10.00~~ <u>$11.58</u> 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 ~~$3.37~~ <u>$3.50</u> 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).

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 ~~$30.00~~ $33.48 for each space under a monthly lease and ~~$1~~ $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 3. Expiration Date of Rate Changes.
The rate changes that take effect with this ordinance shall expire with no further action of Council at 11:59 p.m. on December 31, 2014, and all rates shall thereafter revert back to the rates in effect prior to the adoption of this ordinance, plus any CPI-U increases to those rates.

Section 4. 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 5. <u>Effective Date and Publication</u>.
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 publication, but not before January 1, 2013.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON NOVEMBER 9, 2010.

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Don Stevens, Mayor

ATTEST:

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John Spencer, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Ken Woodrich, City Attorney