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ORDINANCE NO. 716

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND UPDATING THE RATES FOR WATER UTILITY FOR THE CITY OF WASHINGTON THIS 1ST DAY OF OCTOBER, 2007

Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Washington:

16-201. WATER RATES. The rates to be paid by customers within the city limits of the City of Washington, Kansas, for the use and consumption of water furnished or supplied by the city shall be as follows:

First 2,000 gallons or part thereof -----	Up to a ¾" meter	\$10.00;
	Up to a 1" meter	\$11.00;
	Up to a 2" meter	\$15.00;
	3" and larger	\$20.00;

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 2,000 and
Under 5,000 gallons-----\$2.25 per 1,000;

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 5,000 and
Under 15,000 gallons----- \$2.00 per 1,000;

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof
Over 15,000 gallons-----\$1.75 per 1,000;

16-202. SAME; OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS. The rates to be paid by customers outside of the city limits of the City of Washington, Kansas, for the use of consumption of water furnished or supplied by said city shall be as follows:

First 2,000 gallons or part thereof -----	Up to a ¾" meter	\$12.00;
	Up to a 1" meter	\$13.00
	Up to a 2" meter	\$19.00
	3" and larger	\$25.00

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 2,000 and
Under 5,000 gallons ----- \$3.00 per 1,000;

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 5,000 and

Under 15,000 gallons-----\$2.80 per 1,000;

Each 1,000 gallons or part thereof over 15,000

Gallons-----\$2.60 per 1,000.

- 16-203 ESTABLISHMENT OF CHARGES. It is determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the city to collect charges from all users who use the water system of the city. The proceeds of such charges so derived will be used for the purpose of operating, maintaining, and retiring any debt of such public water works.
- 16-204 CHARGES TO FINANCE SYSYTEM. The user charge system shall generate adequate annual revenues to pay costs of annual operation and maintenance, including replacement, and costs associated with debt retirement of bonded capital associated with financing the water works which the city may by ordinance, designate to be paid by the user charge system. That portion of the total user charge which is designated for operation and maintenance including replacement of the treatment works shall be established by this article.
- 16-205 ANNUAL REVIEW. The city will review the charge system every year and revise user charge rates as necessary to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the costs of operation and maintenance including replacement and that the system continues to provide for the proportional distribution of operating and maintenance including replacement costs among users and user classes.
- 16-206 BILLED MONTHLY. All users shall be billed monthly on the amount of water used with the exception of November, December, January and February. During these months the bills will be estimated with a true up in March of each year. All bills will be due on the 10th of each month unless the 10th falls on a weekend or holiday, when this occurs the bill will be due the following business day.
- 16-207 LATE CHARGE. A late penalty of ten (10) percent of the user charge will be added to each delinquent bill. A bill is considered delinquent after 5:00 P.M. of the due date. When any bill is 15 days in default, rendition of water service to such premises shall be discontinued until such bill is paid following due notice and opportunity for hearing. Due notice shall be give within five (5) days following the delinquent time requesting the delinquent contributor to appear at the next regular council meeting where he will be heard.
- 16-208 SAME; FINDINGS. Following the hearing provided for in Section 16-207, the governing body shall either affirm or adjust the monthly service charge. If the charge is affirmed, water service may be discontinued until all charges have been paid in full. Findings of the governing body shall be final and binding upon all parties concerned.
- 16-209 DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE: If a customer terminates service for any reason and then re-connects within the period of one year the monthly minimum charge shall apply for all months that service was discontinued.

This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force upon its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED by the City Council this 1st day of October, 2007.

Harold H. Jones, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Denise M. Powell, City Clerk