

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 1788

INTRODUCED BY: Vitale

ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO. 1564

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.44.010 WHICH ESTABLISHES
THE WATER RATES FOR USERS OF MUNICIPAL WATER.

WHEREAS, the City has been furnishing water to various customers in ever increasing numbers for a large number of years; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of that service has been increasing, especially taking into account the necessity of replacement of the aging water supply system in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City is mandated by the State to establish a rate structure that insures that the water supply enterprise account is self sustaining and not supported by the general fund, having the users of the enterprise account pay the expenses of that account; and,

WHEREAS, the City has retained a professional group, Red Oaks Consultants, to study the water rate structure and report its findings, together with a recommendation for changes to address the future needs of the City with the demands of the water supply system and a rate structure to support those demands; and,

WHEREAS, that study has been completed and the results of the study, together with the recommendation by the consultants, having been presented to Council, and Council having fully considered the study and the recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the water rates to reflect a series of increases over the following four years as provided in the amendments presented herein in lieu of a large singular increase; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that all of the specified increases are necessary to address the demands of the water supply system over the entire specified period of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING that the following sections of Chapter 13.44 be, and the same hereby are, amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.44.010 Rate Schedules.

- A. The charges for water service within the corporate boundaries of the City shall be based upon the size of the meter through which the water flows to provide service to the customer, together with a charge for the consumption of water provided.

1. There shall be a base charge for each meter of the following respective amounts:

<u>Meter Size</u> <i>(inches)</i>	<u>Current</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>January 1,</u> <u>2010</u>
3/4	17.91	19.10
1	27.21	30.10
1-1/2	49.46	55.10
2	77.45	86.20
3	140.63	167.00
4	231.77	276.60
6	459.38	539.50
8	732.18	827.60

- i. A water shutoff for a seasonal user shall not stop base fee meter charges.


2. There shall be a charge for the consumption of water in the following amounts that shall be increased in the following year in the respective amounts beginning on January 1:

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>2009</u>	<u>January 1,</u> <u>2010</u>
Inside		
Single Family		
First 3,000 gallons	2.30	2.78
Next 3,000 gallons	2.30	3.12
Next 9,000	2.30	3.57
Over 15,000 gallons	2.30	4.16
Multifamily	2.30	2.78
Commercial	2.30	2.84
University	2.30	2.92
Wholesale	2.30	3.62
Irrigation	2.30	3.76

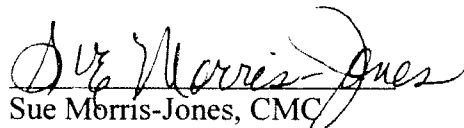
3. Water consumption shall be charged through the meter per one thousand gallons, with the exception of the “single family” rate, which shall be charged at the rate specified in the table above.
- B. For water delivered outside the corporate boundaries of the City, the charges shall be 125% of the in-city charges, if not separately contracted with the City.
- C. The charges under subsection 1 of this section shall be payable in advance. Charges under subsection 2 of this section shall be billed and payable following the billing period during which water was delivered.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2010 after passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 04th DAY OF August, 2009.


Lodi Guerin, Mayor and President
of the City Council of the City of
Laramie, Wyoming

ATTEST:


Sue Morris-Jones, CMC
City Clerk

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