ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING SECTION 7-4-1

OF THE

HARRISONBURG CITY CODE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA:

That Section 7-4-1 be amended and re-enacted as follows:

Section 7-4-1. Schedule of rates and charges generally.

The rates for water and sewer services, to be applied to one hundred (100) percent of the water meter readings, shall be as follows:

(1) Water rates, per month:

a. City water rates, per month:

1. First zero (0) gallons to two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons at two dollars and forty-~~two~~ nine cents (~~$2.42~~ 2.49) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

2. Next two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons to twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons at two dollars and ~~seventy-nine~~ eighty-six cents (~~$2.79~~ 2.86) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

3. Next twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at two dollars and fifty-seven cents (~~$2.50~~ 2.57) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

4. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at two dollars and ~~eight~~ fifteen cents (~~$2.08~~ 2.15) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

b. Rural water rates, per month:

1. First zero (0) gallons to two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons at four dollars and ~~thirty-five~~ forty-two cents (~~$4.35~~ 4.42) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

2. Next two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons to twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons at four dollars and forty-seven cents (~~$4.40~~ 4.47) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

3. Next twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at four dollars and forty-seven cents (~~$4.40~~ 4.47) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

4. All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at three dollars and sixty-seven cents (~~$3.67~~3.74) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

c. In addition to the city and rural water rates as set forth above, there shall be added to all water bills generated in the months of July, August, September, October and November of each year a seasonal water rate charge of twenty-four cents ($0.24) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

d. Minimum water charges per month by meter: (Three thousand (3,000) gallons for 5/8, ¾ meter; AWWA equivalent multiplier for larger sizes):

Meter Size (inches)	City Minimum (per month)	Rural Minimum (per month)
5/8, ¾	~~$7.45~~ 7.66	~~$13.08~~ 13.29
1	~~13.03~~ 13.38	~~21.88~~ 22.23
1½	~~26.98~~ 27.68	~~43.88~~ 44.58
2	100.53	193.52
3	151.62	291.61
4	303.80	583.80
6	404.89	777.87
8	608.95	1,187.34
10	816.35	1,563.34

e. Rockingham County Water Agreement of 1995 (north and east areas): Rates shall conform to the contract or any amendments to the same.

f.

When using stormwater or surface water for "green water" purposes as set forth in section 7-3-81 of this Code, the city and county water rates, per month, shall be one dollar and ~~sixty-nine~~ seventy-six cents (~~$1.69~~1.76) per one thousand (1,000) gallons and three dollars and thirty-seven cents ($3.~~30~~37) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, respectively.

(2)

Sewer plus authority rates, per month:

a.

City sewer plus authority rates, per month (includes two dollars ($2.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for each of the following rate groups for sewer charge):

1.

First zero (0) gallons to two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons at ~~four~~ five dollars and ~~ninety-nine~~ six cents (~~$4.99~~ 5.06) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

2.

Next two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons to twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons at five dollars and ninety-~~one~~ eight cents ($5.~~91~~98) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

3.

Next twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at five dollars and seventy-seven cents ($5.7~~0~~7) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

4.

All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at five dollars and ~~twenty-seven~~ thirty-four cents ($5.~~27~~34) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

b.

Rural sewer plus authority rates, per month (includes two dollars ($2.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for each of the following rate groups for the sewer charge):

1.

First zero (0) gallons to two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons at seven dollars and thirty-seven cents ($7.37) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

2.

Next two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons to twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons at nine dollars and seven cents ($9.07) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

3.

Next twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons to two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at eight dollars and seventy-nine cents ($8.79) per one thousand (1,000) gallons;

4.

All over two hundred fifty thousand (250,000) gallons at seven dollars and ninety-three cents ($7.93) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

c.

Minimum sewer charges, per month by meter: (Three thousand (3,000) gallons for 5/8, ¾ meter; AWWA equivalent multiplier for larger sizes):

Meter Size (inches)	City Minimum (per month)	Rural Minimum (per month)
5/8, ¾	~~$15.43~~ 15.64	$22.96
1	~~27.25~~ 27.60	41.10
1½	~~56.80~~ 57.50	86.45
2	116.44	216.70
3	~~173.95~~ 176.05	322.08
4	343.37	638.21
6	~~572.95~~ 579.95	881.75
8	~~914.95~~ 926.15	1,409.15
10	~~1,285.45~~ 1301.20	1,980.50

All minimum charges for both city and rural include authority O & M and debt charge. There shall be a separate minimum charge for each meter.

d.

Rockingham County Water Agreement of 1995 (north and east areas): Rates shall conform to the contract or any amendments to the same.

(3)

Utility tax: A ten (10) percent utility tax is added to the total water bills of city and rural users, maximum one dollar ($1.00) residential, fifteen dollars ($15.00) commercial.

(4)

Regulations: All unpaid accounts are subject to discontinuance of service one (1) month and five (5) days after past due. There shall be an administrative charge of thirty-five dollars ($35.00) added to the utility bill of any account that requires adjustment due to a returned check by the bank on which it is drawn, for any reason. Accounts sixty (60) days or more past due shall be forwarded to a collection agency. Administrative charges incurred from the collection of past due accounts shall be charged to the account holder.

(5)

Other charges:

Field call during working hours	$15.00
Field call after working hours	$15.00 + cost
Re-connections during working hours	$25.00
Re-connections after working hours	$25.00 + cost
Tapping orders >72 hours notice	$25.00 per meter

Tapping orders <72 hours notice	$50.00 per meter
Tapping orders <72 hours notice after working hours	$50.00 per meter + cost
Meter test < 2" in size	$25.00
Meter test 2" or greater in size	$150.00

(6)

a. Field call charge for turning on the water service or transferring account ownership, which charges shall be included on the first monthly statement submitted after service is cut on;

b. There is no charge for turning service off;

c. Cost shall be as defined in section 7-4-23 of this Code;

d. Re-connection charge applies to any person, firm, or corporation whose utility service has been discontinued for nonpayment of account, or who fail to comply with delinquent payment cutoff time, and shall, before the service is re-established, pay all delinquent and current bills.

e. When a date and time to establish a connection has been agreed to between the customer and the city public utilities department and the customer fails to be present at such date and time then the customer shall be charged a site visit fee of fifteen dollars ($15.00).

f. Installation of meters will be assessed a twenty-five dollar ($25.00) fee per meter when scheduled seventy-two (72) hours in advance; if less than seventy-two (72) hours a fifty dollar ($50.00) fee will be assessed per meter. There will be no additional connection fee subject to section 7-4-1.

(7) The director is authorized on application, to exempt the payment of all charges imposed by this section, those citizens, or spouse of those, who qualify for active military service deployment on foreign soils.

(8) Subsequent to July 1, 2012 any changes to the fees and rates as set forth in this section shall be made by city council and published in the annual appropriation ordinance.

This ordinance shall be effective on the 1 day of July, 2014.

APPROVED this 24 day of June, 2014.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK