

ORDINANCE 475

CITY OF LACEY

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATER SERVICE CHARGE RATES OF THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM, AMENDING SECTIONS 13.32.020, 13.32.035 AND 13.32.060 AND REPEALING SECTION 13.32.030 OF THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 13.32.030 AND 13.36.025 TO THE LACEY MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, a study of the water service charge rates of the City of Lacey's water system has determined that the rates are not sufficient to operate and maintain said system and to provide necessary improvements and additions to the system, and

WHEREAS, it has been further determined that certain capital expenditures of the city and certain administrative expenses in the nature of the expenses concerned with the City Manager, Clerk/Treasurer, City Council, legal services and the Department of Public Works, all accrue to the benefit of the water system including that portion of the water system located outside of the city's boundaries but are funded by general tax revenues levied on residents living within the city's boundaries and that when said additional general tax-supported expenditures are added to the cost of fire hydrants located outside of the city's boundaries, said total expenditures are equal to an additional 10 percent of the water service charge rates set forth in this ordinance which sum should be borne by the customers of the water system located outside of the city's boundaries,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY, WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Section 13.32.020 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"For all unmetered connections to the municipal water system of the city, ~~whether-inside-or-outside-the-corporate-boundaries-of-the-city~~, except as provided in Section 13.32.060, the following rates for water shall be paid:

<u>"Type</u>	<u>Cost Per Month</u>
Residential	\$ 4-00 <u>7.20</u>
Multiple unit dwellings	3-50 <u>3.30</u> per housing unit
Commercial	
(1) Heavy water use-- water essential to operation of business; i.e. restaurants	20-00 <u>75.00</u>
(2) Medium water use-- water not essential to operation of business-- 5 to 20 employees	7-50 <u>35.00</u>
(3) Light water use-- water not essential to operation of business--under 5 employees	5-00 <u>7.50</u>
Schools	45-00 <u>75.00</u>

Section 2. Section 13.32.030 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby repealed.

Section 3. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new section, 13.32.030, to read as follows:

"Water service charges for all metered connections to the system shall be determined as follows:

"(a) Billing Expense. There shall be a bimonthly base rate charge of \$2.00 levied on each bimonthly utility bill for meter reading and billing expense.

"(b) Debt Service and Capital Improvement Expense. There shall be a bimonthly base rate charge of \$4.09 and an additional charge of \$0.41 for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed in said two month period in excess of 1,000 cubic feet for utility debt service and capital improvement expense.

"(c) Maintenance and Operation Expense. There shall be levied a charge of \$0.21 for each 100 cubic feet of water consumed for the maintenance and operating expenses of the utility.

"The charges set forth in Section 13.32.060 shall be in addition to those rates set forth herein."

Section 4. Section 13.32.035 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"The ~~minimum~~ monthly service charge for unmetered connections set forth in Sections 13.32.020, ~~13.32.030~~, and 13.32.060 shall apply for any month or portion thereof that service is rendered and shall not be prorated on the basis of a partial month's service. The base rate charges for metered connections set forth in Section 13.32.030 shall apply for any bimonthly billing period or portion thereof that service is rendered and shall not be prorated on the basis of service rendered only during a portion of said bimonthly period."

Section 5. Section 13.32.060 of the Lacey Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"(a) ~~Commencing with the month of August 7, 1973, there~~ shall be added to the ~~rates set forth in~~ water utility bill ~~computed in accordance with~~ Section 13.32.020 ~~and to the minimum~~ ~~rates set forth in~~ or Section 13.32.030 and when applicable subsection (b) of this Section, a sum equal to 10 percent of the total water service bill for all customers of the municipal water system located outside the corporate boundaries of the city for the purpose of defraying the costs of repair, replacement and maintenance of fire hydrants, and the cost of administrative and capital expense not otherwise supported by the utility system.

"(b) There shall be added to the rates set forth in Section 13.32.020 and to the rates set forth in Section 13.32.030 for all residential customers of the Nisqually Water System the sum of \$2.00 per month. There shall be added to the rates set forth in Section 13.32.020 and to the rates set forth in Section 13.32.030 for all commercial customers of the Nisqually Water System the sum of \$2.00 per month for the first 500 cubic feet of water used, and the sum of \$0.11 per 100 cubic feet per month for all water used over 500 cubic feet per month, ~~and up to and including 15,000 cubic feet per month and the sum of \$0.08 per 100 cubic feet for all water consumed in excess of 15,000 cubic feet per month~~ provided, however, the charges added by this paragraph shall remain in effect only during such period of time as capital improvements to the Nisqually Water System as outlined in the Water System Comprehensive Plan adopted on June 26, 1975, remain unpaid from such charges."

Section 6. There is hereby added to the Lacey Municipal Code a new section, 13.36.025, to read as follows:

"Where the size of the connection is different from that of the meter on such connection, the size of the meter shall be based on the standard safe operating capacity in gallons per minute, as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Safe Operating Capacity</u> GPM
5/8"	20
3/4"	30
1"	50
1-1/2"	100
2"	160
3"	300
3" Compound	320
3" Current	400
4" Disk	500
4" Compound	500
4" Current	700
6" Disk	1000
6" Compound	1000
6" Current	1600"

Section 7. The city council shall review the water service charge rates on or before December 31, 1978 and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter.

Section 8. This is a public emergency ordinance necessary for the protection of public health, public safety, public property or the public peace, and it shall be effective upon its adoption and the rate changes set forth herein shall be reflected on all water service billings rendered after February 1, 1978.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LACEY,

WASHINGTON, this 26th day of January, 1978.

Attest:

Timothy McGuire
City Clerk

Approved as to Form:
[Signature]
City Attorney

CITY COUNCIL

By Karen R. Fraser
Mayor

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