

**CITY OF WASILLA
ORDINANCE SERIAL NO. 09-52**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE WASILLA CITY COUNCIL AMENDING WASILLA MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04.075, SERVICE CALL CHARGE AND WMC 13.04.080.A, WATER RATES TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY CONSUMERS.

Section 1. Classification. This ordinance is of a general and permanent nature and shall become part of the city code.

Section 2. Amendment of section. WMC 13.04.075, Service Call Charge, is amended to read as follows:

The charge for service calls on problems that are the customer's responsibility shall be ninety [SIXTY-FIVE] dollars (\$90[65].00) per hour for service calls that occur entirely during business hours, and one hundred thirty-five [NINETY-SEVEN] dollars and fifty cents (\$135.00[97.50]) per hour with a one-hour minimum charge for service calls that include time outside of business hours. There shall be a forty-five [THIRTY] dollar (\$45[30].00) charge for delivering a delinquency notice or a shut-off notice.

Section 2. Amendment of section. WMC 13.04.080, Water Rates, is amended to read as follows:

A. Water [METER WATER] service shall be furnished at the following rates:

Water Service Monthly Rate	9/1/2009 -	7/1/2010 -	7/1/2011 -	7/1/2012 -	7/1/2013 -
	8/31/2010	6/30/2011	6/30/2012	6/30/2013	6/30/2014
Metered Per 1,000 gallons	\$6.83	\$7.34	\$7.89	\$8.48	\$9.12
Minimum per Month	\$34.13	\$36.68	\$39.44	\$42.39	\$45.57

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[OF FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$4.55) PER THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS, SUBJECT TO A MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE OF TWENTY-TWO DOLLARS AND SEVENTY-FIVE CENTS (\$22.75).]

B. Bulk water sales shall be subject to the prior approval of the water utility operator, and shall be metered and furnished at the rate **as described in subsection A** [OF FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY-FIVE CENTS (\$4.55) PER THOUSAND (1,000) GALLONS.] A Deposit Of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) Is Required For Bulk Water Sales. The use of a hydrant for bulk water will require a rental rate of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per month for a meter and back flow prevention device provided by the city to the contractor. A deposit of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) is required for the meter and back flow prevention device to connect to the hydrant. Temporary water service may be provided at a fee of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) for each two weeks of temporary service, payable in advance.

C[B]. In addition to usage charges under subsection A of this section, water customers shall pay the following facility charges to recover the cost of water system capital improvements:

1. Each customer who receives water service through an existing private or public water system that is taken over by the city shall pay an additional facility charge of eleven dollars and forty-five cents (\$11.45) per month in lieu of off-site assessments and for other improvements that benefit individual lots. This facility charge shall be payable from the date that the city takes over the existing system until an amount has been paid for each premises receiving service through the existing system that is equal

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to the amount calculated for an off-site assessment in the manner provided for Assessment District 78-1. Where water service through such an existing system is available to a property that is not connected to the system, connection of the property will be conditioned on payment of the facility charges that otherwise would have accrued under this subsection to the date of connection.

Section 3. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on September 1, 2009.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on July 27, 2009.


VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

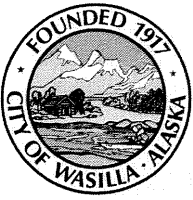
ATTEST:


KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

[SEAL]

VOTE: Cox, Hall, Holler, Larson, and Woodruff in favor. Harris in opposition.

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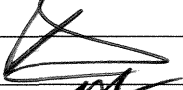

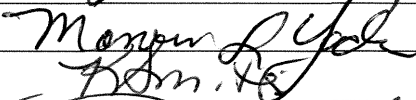
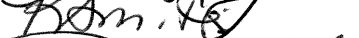
**CITY OF WASILLA
LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

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Agenda of: July 13, 2009

Date: June 30, 2009

Originator: Public Works Director

Route to:	Department	Signature/Date
	Chief of Police	
	Recreational and Cultural Services Manager	
X	Director of Public Works	 6/30/09
X	Director of Finance	 7.2.09
X	Deputy Administrator	
X	City Clerk	

REVIEWED BY MAYOR VERNE E. RUPRIGHT: 

FISCAL IMPACT: yes or no Funds Available yes no

Account name/number:
Attachments:

SUMMARY STATEMENT: In accordance with City Council Action Memorandum No. 09-31, Ordinance Serial No. 09-52 has been prepared for a utility rate increase and for an increase in service calls. The water utility will generate approximately \$705,000 in metered and non metered water sales in FY09. The rate needs to be increased to include losses, depreciation, and capital improvements in the amount of 645,422 annually to break even. To capture current losses, depreciation and capital costs, the utility rate needs to double. This ordinance doubles the utility rate over the next 5 years.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Approve the adoption of Ordinance Serial No. 09-52 providing for a rate increase effective September 1, 2009 and subsequent rate increases through 2014.