

Code Ordinance

By: Deputy Mayor Sullivan-Leonard and Council Member Harris

Introduced: June 24, 2013

Public Hearing: July 8, 2013

Amended: July 8, 2013

Adopted: July 8, 2013

Vote: Harris, Sullivan-Leonard, Woodruff, Buswell and Wall in favor; Seat A vacant

**City of Wasilla  
Ordinance Serial No. 13-15(AM)**

**An ordinance of the Wasilla City Council amending Wasilla Municipal Code 13.04.080(A), Water Rates, to decrease the amount to be paid for customers.**

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

**Section 2.** Amendment of subsection. WMC 13.04.080(A), Water Rates, is hereby amended to read as follows:

A. **Monthly w**Water service shall be furnished at the following rates:

Water Service Monthly Rate	<del>9/1/2009–8/31/2010</del>	<del>7/1/2010–6/30/2011</del>	<del>7/1/2011–6/30/2012</del>	7/1/2012 – 12/31/2013 6/30/2013	1/1/2014 7/1/2013 - 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

**Section 3.** Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

ADOPTED by the Wasilla City Council on July 8, 2013.



VERNE E. RUPRIGHT, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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KRISTIE SMITHERS, MMC, City Clerk

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**CITY COUNCIL LEGISLATION STAFF REPORT**

**Ordinance Serial No. 13-15: Amending Wasilla Municipal Code 13.04.080(A) Water Rates, to decrease the amount to be paid by customers.**

Originator: *Deputy Mayor Sullivan-Leonard* Deputy Mayor Sullivan-Leonard and Council Member Harris *Council member Harris*  
 Date: 6/12/2013 Agenda of: 6/24/2013

Route to:	Department Head	Signature	Date
X	Public Works Director		
X	Finance Director		
X	Deputy Administrator		
X	City Clerk	<i>R. Smith</i>	<i>6/24/13</i>

Reviewed by Mayor Verne E. Rupright: *Verne E. Rupright*  
*Per Form only*

**Fiscal Impact:**  yes \$125,000 - \$150,000 or  no **Funds Available:**  yes or  no

**Account name/number:**

Transfer from General Fund: (IN FY2014)  
 001-0000-249-10-00 Committed-Stabilization of Funds \$125,000-\$150,000  
 001-4990-499-99-32 Interfund Transfer/Water Fund \$125,000-\$150,000  
 Transfer to Water Fund:  
 320-0000-391-10-01 Interfund Transfer/General Fund \$125,000-\$150,000

**Attachments:** Ordinance Serial No. 13-15 (1 pages)

**Summary Statement:** The City of Wasilla’s financial revenue reports for May 2013 indicate that the City’s actual revenues for FY-2013 will be higher than what was projected and will result in an increase to our Fund Balance for FY-2013. As good stewards of our community, it would be beneficial to use a portion of this unexpected surplus from FY-2013 to provide some relief for those who use our City water services.

City residents and businesses have seen a steady increase to water rates for the past four years. These rising rates have caused hardships on those with fixed incomes, as well as, those facing economic challenges, and is a hindrance for small businesses to succeed and expand in the City. The intent is to give our residents and businesses some relief from continuous increasing water rates.

The City will amend the five-year water rate increase plan, as shown in WMC 13.04.080(A) and utilize a General Fund transfer to cover the scheduled FY-2014 increase in water rates. The rates would then be reviewed during the goals and initiatives meeting, prior to the FY-2015 and FY-2016 budget preparations for the biennial budget.

**Staff Recommendation:** Introduce and set for public hearing Ordinance Serial No. 13-15. If adopted, an appropriation ordinance will be brought forward at a future Council meeting.