

ORDINANCE NO. 113, 2009
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 4
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
RELATING TO USER RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the City Charter, to fix, establish, maintain and provide for the collection of such rates, fees or charges for utility services furnished by the City as will produce revenues sufficient to pay the costs expenses and other obligations of the water utility, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-118 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, requires that the City Manager analyze the operating and financial records of the water utility during each calendar year and recommend to the City Council the user rate fees to be in effect for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and City staff have recommended to the City Council that the following water use rates be imposed for the billing year beginning January 1, 2010; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That Section 26-127 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-127. Schedule B, meter rates.

(a) *Residential Rates.*

(1) Residential customers with one (1) dwelling unit.

- a. *Base Charge.* Residential customers with one (1) dwelling unit shall pay a base monthly charge of twelve dollars **and forty-six cents** (\$12.46).
- b. *Quantity Charge.* Residential customers with one (1) dwelling unit shall pay a monthly quantity charge as follows:

For the first seven thousand (7,000) gallons used per month, a charge of one dollar and ~~eighty-five and seven-~~ **ninety-two and eight-tenths cents** (~~\$1.857~~ **\$1.928**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

For the next six thousand (6,000) gallons used per month, a charge of two dollars and ~~thirteen and five-~~ **twenty-one and six-tenths** cents (~~\$2.135~~ **\$2.216**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

For all additional gallons used per month, a charge of two dollars and ~~forty-five and six-~~ **fifty-four and nine-tenths** cents (~~\$2.456~~ **\$2.549**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(2) Residential customers with two (2) dwelling units.

a. *Base Charge.* Residential customers with two (2) dwelling units shall pay a base monthly charge of fourteen dollars and sixty-three cents (\$14.63).

b. *Quantity Charge.* Residential customers with two (2) dwelling units shall pay a monthly quantity charge as follows:

For the first nine thousand (9,000) gallons used per month, a charge of one dollar and eighty-five and seven-tenths cents (\$1.857) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

For the next four thousand (4,000) gallons used per month, a charge of two dollars and thirteen and five-tenths cents (\$2.135) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

For all additional gallons used per month, a charge of two dollars and forty-five and six-tenths cents (\$2.456) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(3) Residential customers with more than two (2) dwelling units.

a. *Base Charge.* Residential customers with more than two (2) dwelling units shall pay a base monthly charge of twelve dollars and thirty-six cents (\$12.36) for the first dwelling unit and four dollars and twelve cents (\$4.12) for the second and each additional dwelling unit.

b. *Quantity Charge.* Residential customers with more than two (2) dwelling units shall pay a monthly quantity charge of one dollar and seventy-nine and four-tenths cents (\$1.794) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the winter season months of November through April. They shall pay a monthly quantity charge of two dollars and twenty-four and three-tenths cents (\$2.243) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the summer season months of May through October. The

meter reading date shall generally determine the seasonal monthly quantity charge; however, no customer shall be billed more than six (6) full billing cycles at the summer quantity charge.

(b) *Nonresidential Rates.*

(1) *Base charge.* Nonresidential customers shall pay a base monthly charge based on meter size as follows:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Monthly Base Charge</i>
¾	\$10.96 \$11.15
1	30.58 31.10
1½	83.15 84.56
2	125.31 127.44
3	191.13 194.38
4	300.05 305.15
6	582.06 591.96
8	1,028.27 1,045.75

(2) *Quantity charges.* Nonresidential customers shall pay a monthly quantity charge of one dollar and ~~fifty-two and four-tenths~~ **fifty-five** cents (~~\$1.524~~ **\$1.55**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the winter season months of November through April. They shall pay a monthly quantity charge of one dollar and ~~ninety and six-~~ **ninety-three and eight-tenths** cents (~~\$1.906~~ **\$1.938**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the summer season months of May through October. The meter reading date shall generally determine the seasonal monthly quantity charge; however, no customer shall be billed more than six (6) full billing cycles at the summer quantity charge.

(3) *Charges for excess use.* Monthly water use in excess of the amounts specified in the following table shall be billed at two dollars and ~~nineteen and one-~~ **twenty-two and eight-tenth** cents (~~\$2.191~~ **\$2.228**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the winter season months of November through April. Monthly water use in excess of the amounts specified below shall be billed at two dollars and ~~seventy-three and nine-~~ **seventy-eight and six-tenths** cents (~~\$2.739~~ **\$2.786**) per one thousand (1,000) gallons used in the summer season months of May through October. The meter reading date shall generally determine the seasonal billing excess quantity charge; however, no customer shall be billed more than six (6) full billing cycles at the summer excess quantity charge.

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Specified Amount (gallons per month)</i>
¾	100,000
1	300,000
1½	625,000
2	1,200,000
3	1,400,000
4	2,500,000

(c) *Service outside the City.* The monthly charge for water taken through a meter by a user outside the City limits shall be the same as for like service within the City limits as specified in Subsections (a) and (b) of this Section.

(d) *Rates by special water services agreement.* The rate structure and associated charges for water service pursuant to a special water services agreement approved by the City Council pursuant to § 26-130 shall be as set forth in said agreement.

Section 2. That the amendments to the Chapter 26 of the City Code contained herein shall go into effect in January 1, 2010.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 20th day of October, A.D. 2009, and to be presented for final passage on the 3rd day of November, A.D. 2009.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 3rd day of November, A.D. 2009.

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