

**CITY OF LYNNWOOD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2684**

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE; AMENDING SECTIONS 13.20.010, AND 13.20.080 OF THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City adopted in 2006 a six-year schedule of water rates based on the actual cost of providing all maintenance and operations services and capital construction costs in order to meet the revenue requirements of the utility; and

WHEREAS, the City's water rates have historically included a "special water rate" for persons of the age of 61 years or older, meeting the qualifications specified in this section and RCW 84.36.381; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that those citizens, when verified to meet such qualifications, should receive "special rates"; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to expand the "special water rate" to include additional customers;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 13.20.010 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.20.010 Charges for domestic water.**

The charges for domestic water service shall be based upon the size of meter installed, number of connections or units being serviced therefrom, and the water delivered through the service meter; the monthly rate for each meter size and the maximum water allowed as part of this minimum charge shall be in effect and assessed beginning January 1st of each year, except for the 2007 rate, which shall be in effect and assessed beginning on February 1, 2007.

Table I

Water Customer Classification	2007 Monthly Rate	2008 Monthly Rate	2009 Monthly Rate	2010 Monthly Rate	2011 Monthly Rate	2012 Monthly Rate
Residential Single-Unit						
Monthly Base	\$10.38	\$10.63	\$10.88	\$11.13	\$11.38	\$11.75

Rate (incl. 5 CCF)						
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF – NEW	\$1.22	\$1.24	\$1.26	\$1.28	\$1.31	\$1.33
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF – NEW	\$1.83	\$1.86	\$1.89	\$1.92	\$1.97	\$2.00
Special Water Rate	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below
Residential Multiple-Unit						
Monthly Base Rate Per Unit (includes 5 CCF/meter)*	\$4.70 (same)	\$4.70	\$4.70	\$4.70	\$4.50	\$4.25
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF per meter	\$1.00 (same)	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
Special Water Rate	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below
Residential-Mobile Per Unit – NEW						
Monthly Base Rate Per Unit (includes 5 CCF/meter)*	\$2.63	\$3.38	\$4.13	\$4.25	\$4.25	\$4.25
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF per meter – NEW	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.25	\$1.00
Special Water Rate	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below	See Rate Below
Commercial/Industrial (based on meter size)						
5/8–3/4-Inch Meter	\$10.38	\$10.63	\$10.88	\$11.13	\$11.38	\$11.75
1-Inch Meter	\$17.29	\$19.48	\$21.75	\$24.10	\$26.54	\$29.38
1-1/2-Inch Meter	\$28.10	\$33.65	\$39.42	\$45.43	\$51.66	\$58.75
2-Inch Meter	\$39.77	\$49.59	\$59.81	\$70.46	\$81.52	\$94.00
3-Inch Meter	\$73.49	\$92.09	\$111.47	\$131.65	\$152.61	\$176.25
4-Inch Meter	\$114.56	\$146.98	\$180.80	\$216.01	\$252.62	\$293.75

6-Inch Meter	\$222.63	\$288.65	\$357.52	\$429.24	\$503.82	\$587.50
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF per meter	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.34	\$1.35	\$1.36	\$1.36
* Base charge per unit plus volume over 5 CCF per meter.						

Section 2. Section 13.20.080 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**13.20.080 Special water rate.**

A residential single-unit and multiple-unit and mobile special fixed rate of the following percent of the residential single-unit monthly base rate and volume charges shall apply to all services to which water is available, and depending on the income level status of the customer pursuant to the Snohomish County Assessor's Office Real Property Taxes Exemption Process, as follows:

<u>Income Level Status</u>	<u>Rate</u>
A	40%
B	45%
C	50%

A. Persons of the age of 61 years or older, or who are disabled, meeting the qualifications specified in subsection (B) of this section, and RCW 84.36.381, shall be charged at a special water rate:

**Residential Single-Unit Rates:**

<b>Water Customer Classification</b>	<b>2007 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2008 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2009 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2010 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2011 Monthly Rate</b>	<b>2012 Monthly Rate</b>
<b>Special Water Rates, Income Level Status A</b>						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$4.15	\$4.25	\$4.35	\$4.45	\$4.55	\$4.70
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.49	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.51	\$0.52	\$0.53
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.73	\$0.74	\$0.76	\$0.77	\$0.79	\$0.80
<b>Special Water Rates, Income Level Status B</b>						
Monthly Base Rate	\$4.67	\$4.78	\$4.90	\$5.01	\$5.12	\$5.29

(incl. 5 CCF)						
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.55	\$0.56	\$0.57	\$0.58	\$0.59	\$0.60
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.82	\$0.84	\$0.85	\$0.86	\$0.89	\$0.90
<b>Special Water Rates, Income Level Status C</b>						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$5.19	\$5.32	\$5.44	\$5.57	\$5.69	\$5.88
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.61	\$0.62	\$0.63	\$0.64	\$0.66	\$0.67
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF – NEW	\$0.92	\$0.93	\$0.95	\$0.96	\$0.99	\$1.00

**Residential Multiple-Unit and Mobile Rates:**

For residents that meet the qualifications in Section B., but that do not have a direct account with the City (i.e. tenants of a condominium) a yearly rebate shall be paid to the resident based on forty (40), forty-five (45) or fifty (50) percent of a calculation of the cost per unit for that account, depending on the income level status of the customer pursuant to the Snohomish County Assessor’s Office Real Property Taxes Exemption Process. In order to qualify for the rebate, the resident must make application to the City by November 1 of each year and demonstrate, in addition to meeting the qualifications in this section, that they have resided at the site or unit for the entire year.

**B. Qualifications for said rate shall be:**

1. The residential single-unit property or residential multiple-unit or mobile unit to which the utility service is extended shall have a valid property tax exemption from Snohomish County, pursuant to RCW 84.36.381 through 84.36.385.
2. Claimants for said reduction shall occupy site or unit as principle residence and be within the corporate limits of the city of Lynnwood and have a household income level no greater than and as prescribed in RCW 84.36.381.

**C. Medical Necessity.** Persons who require large quantities of water due to medical necessity (i.e., kidney dialysis) and who occupy the site as principal residence and are located within the corporate limits of the city of Lynnwood shall be charged the special water rate.

D. The Mayor is authorized to administer the special utility rates and develop procedures as necessary for such implementation.

Section 3. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality thereof shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this Ordinance.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title. The modified rates shall also apply retroactively to all billings assessed in 2007.

PASSED THIS 11th day of June, 2007, and signed in authentication of its passage this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2007.



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DON GOUGH, Mayor

ATTEST:



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VICKI HEILMAN  
Interim Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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MIKE RUARK  
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