

CITY OF LYNNWOOD

ORDINANCE NO. 2844

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE TO IMPLEMENT THE ADOPTED 2005 LYNNWOOD WATER SYSTEM PLAN, TO PROVIDE NECESSARY REVENUES TO FUND CAPITAL PROJECTS AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF THE WATER SYSTEM AND TO PRESERVE THE SOLVENCY OF THE UTILITY; AMENDING SECTIONS 13.20.010, 13.20.080 AND 13.24.040 OF THE LYNNWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Lynnwood Water System Plan dated November 2005 defines the Operations and Maintenance and Capital needs of the water utility; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to base water rates on the actual cost of providing all maintenance and operations services and capital construction costs; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to move towards equity between the amount of water used and the amount paid by its customers; and

WHEREAS, the water rates structure was last adjusted in 2007 and before that in 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD, WASHINGTON, 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.

Table 1 – Water Rates

Water Customer Classification	2011 Monthly Rate	2012 Monthly Rate	2013 Monthly Rate	2014 Monthly Rate	2015 Monthly Rate	2016 Monthly Rate
Residential Single-Unit						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$12.63	\$14.29	\$16.14	\$17.48	\$18.89	\$20.45
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF	\$1.45	\$1.64	\$1.85	\$2.00	\$2.16	\$2.34
Monthly Volume Charge- > 20 CCF	\$2.18	\$2.47	\$2.79	\$3.02	\$3.26	\$3.53
Special Water Rate	See section 13.20.080 Special Water Rate					
Residential Multiple/Mobile Combined						
Monthly Base Rate Per Unit (includes 5 CCF/meter)*	\$5.20	\$5.80	\$6.47	\$6.87	\$7.30	\$7.74
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF per meter	\$1.14	\$1.27	\$1.42	\$1.51	\$1.60	\$1.70
Special Water Rate	See section 13.20.080 Special Water Rate					
Commercial/Industrial (based on meter size)						
5/8-3/4 Inch Meter	\$13.25	\$15.76	\$18.76	\$21.08	\$23.70	\$26.61
1 Inch Meter	\$28.68	\$34.13	\$40.62	\$45.65	\$51.31	\$57.62
1-1/2 Inch Meter	\$54.06	\$64.33	\$76.56	\$86.05	\$96.72	\$108.62
2 Inch Meter	\$83.85	\$99.78	\$118.73	\$133.46	\$150.01	\$168.46
3 Inch Meter	\$156.67	\$186.43	\$221.85	\$249.36	\$280.28	\$314.76
4 Inch Meter	\$257.05	\$305.89	\$364.01	\$409.15	\$459.88	\$516.45
6 Inch Meter	\$510.80	\$607.85	\$723.34	\$813.03	\$913.85	\$1026.25
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF per meter	\$1.61	\$1.92	\$2.28	\$2.56	\$2.88	\$3.23

* Base charge per unit plus volume over 5CCF 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. Qualifications for Special Rates

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 meeting all of the following qualifications and categories:

1. 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%

See Section E, Special Rate Chart for specific rate.

2. 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.
3. 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.

B. Categories

1. Senior / Disabled

Persons of the age of 61 years or older, or who are disabled, meeting the qualifications specified in Subsection A of this section, and RCW 84.36.381, shall be charged at a special water rate for Income Level Status A, Income Level Status B, or Income Level Status C, See F rate chart:

2. Residential Multiple-Unit and Mobile Special Rates

For residents that meet the qualifications in Subsection A, 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.

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 income level status C (50%) with doctor certification see F (Rate Chart).

D. Other Special Rate and Qualifications - Preservation Mobile Home Park

For mobile home parks that are preserved pursuant to a development agreement in accordance with Chapter 1.37 LMC, the following residential-mobile per unit base rate and volume charges shall apply:

1. Preservation for five to seven years: 50 percent of the base rate and volume charge in LMC 13.20.010.
2. Preservation for seven years or more: 25 percent of the base rate and volume charge in LMC 13.20.010.

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

F. Special Water Rate Chart

Following rate chart base on income levels see section A.

Residential Single-Unit Rates:

Table 2 - Special Water Rates

Water Customer Classification	2011 Monthly Rate	2012 Monthly Rate	2013 Monthly Rate	2014 Monthly Rate	2015 Monthly Rate	2016 Monthly Rate
Special Water Rates, Income Level Status A (40%)						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$5.05	\$5.72	\$6.46	\$6.99	\$7.56	\$8.18
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF	\$0.58	\$0.66	\$0.74	\$0.80	\$0.86	\$0.94
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF	\$0.87	\$0.99	\$1.12	\$1.21	\$1.30	\$1.41
Special Water Rates, Income Level Status B (45%)						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$5.68	\$6.43	\$7.27	\$7.87	\$8.50	\$9.20
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF	\$0.65	\$0.74	\$0.83	\$0.90	\$0.97	\$1.05
Monthly Volume	\$0.98	\$1.11	\$1.26	\$1.36	\$1.47	\$1.59

Charge > 20 CCF						
Special Water Rates, Income Level Status C (50%)						
Monthly Base Rate (incl. 5 CCF)	\$6.32	\$7.15	\$8.07	\$8.74	\$9.45	\$10.23
Monthly Volume Charge > 5 CCF to 20 CCF	\$0.73	\$0.82	\$0.93	\$1.00	\$1.08	\$1.17
Monthly Volume Charge > 20 CCF	\$1.09	\$1.24	\$1.40	\$1.51	\$1.63	\$1.77

Section 3. Section 13.24.040 of the Lynnwood Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

13.24.40 Inactivation of Service Request by Customer.

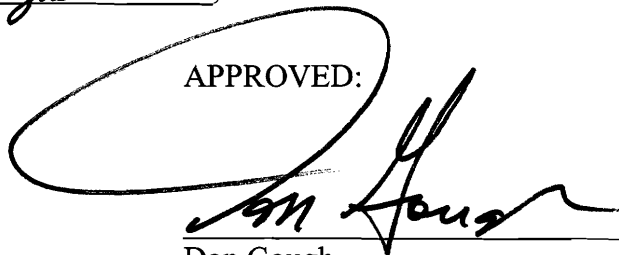
A customer who wishes to inactivate water service shall give at least three days' notice to the utility. No charge will be made for shutting off the supply, however, minimum base billing will continue for both sewer and water during the period of inactivity. The charge for restoration of water service shall be according to Table A, Section 13.24.030.

Section 4. 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 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect August 30, 2010 which is more than five (5) days after passage and publication of an approved summary thereof consisting of the title.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, the 9th day of August, 2010 and approved by the Mayor this 11th day of August, 2010.

APPROVED:



Don Gough
Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:



Pat Dugan
Interim Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Rosemary Larson
City Attorney

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL: 8/9/10

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