

ORDINANCE NO. 2332

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.04.020 OF FORT DODGE MUNICIPAL CODE PROVIDING FOR RATES FOR WATER AND RULES AND REGULATIONS THEREOF:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF FORT DODGE, IOWA:

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Section 13.04.020 of the Fort Dodge Municipal Code establishing new rates for the consumption of water.

SECTION II. WATER RATES

Section 13.04.020 of the Fort Dodge Municipal Code is hereby repealed, and the following adopted in lieu thereof.

The following rates shall be charged and collected from all customers of City Water in and outside the City Limits of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa:

A. From and after the 1st day of January 2022

(1) INSIDE City Limits - Monthly Consumption:

Consumers using less than 2,000 gallons, a charge of \$21.49 shall be made, and this shall be the **minimum**.

First 2,000 gallons, \$21.49

The next 18,000 gallons, \$5.48 per 1,000 gallons

The next 210,000 gallons, \$3.58 per 1,000 gallons

The next 6,470,000 gallons, \$2.82 per 1,000 gallons

The next 2,000,000 gallons, \$1.97 per 1,000 gallons

All over 8,700,000 gallons, \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons

(2) OUTSIDE City Limits - Monthly Consumption:

Consumers using less than 2,000 gallons, a charge of \$49.56 shall be made, and this shall be the **minimum**.

First 2,000 gallons, \$49.56

The next 6,000 gallons, \$8.35 per 1,000 gallons

The next 12,000 gallons, \$6.73 per 1,000 gallons

The next 210,000 gallons, \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons

The next 6,470,000 gallons, \$3.56 per 1,000 gallons

The next 2,000,000 gallons, \$2.46 per 1,000 gallons

All over 8,700,000 gallons, \$1.46 per 1,000 gallons

- (3) **All service larger than three-quarter-inch, where private supply is maintained, and the city supply is held as a standby, a charge for such standby service will be negotiated by the City Engineer.**

SECTION III. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Amend **13.04.060 (10)** to include at the end of this section- All service connections and service pipes shall be installed and maintained at the expense of the owners of the property served. If the city shall find that any such service connection or service pipe has become defective or leaks, the city may give notice to the owner of the property served by such connection, describing the defect and directing the owner to repair the same.

Include as **13.04.060 (23)** Any person authorized by the city manager shall have free access at all reasonable hours to any building for the purpose of reading, inspecting, removing or replacing meters, examining water fixtures and observing the manner in which the water is used.

Include as **13.04.060 (24)** Unless otherwise required by the city manager or the city manager's designee, all water meters must have remote readers. The remote reader must be installed at a location acceptable to the city manager or the city manager's designee. Wiring for connecting the water meter to the remote reader must be of the type designated by the city manager or the city manager's designee. The remote reader must be of the type designated by the city manager or the city manager's designee. The remote reader must be installed as required by the city manager or the city manager's designee at a charge to the owner or owners as established by the city manager or the city manager's designee. Remote readers and related wires are the property of the city and must not be removed, painted, or altered in any way from the place where installed except as authorized by the city manager or the city manager's designee.

Include as **13.04.060 (25)** The owner of the premises where a meter is installed is responsible for the care and protection of the meter, remote meter, related wires, and UFR device where applicable, from freezing or hot water and from other injury or interference. In all cases where meters, remote meters, related wires, or UFR devices are broken or damaged except for ordinary wear, the necessary repairs will be made by the city and the cost charged to the owner of the premises. In case payment thereof is neglected or refused, the water supply must be turned off until full payment has been made, together with a charge as established by the city manager or the city manager's designee.

Include as **13.04.060 (26)** Damaged or stopped meters, remote readers, related wires, and UFR devices may be removed and repaired by the city without first giving notice thereof to the owner or user. No one shall in any way interfere with the proper registration of a water meter, remote reader, related wires, or UFR device and no one except an authorized city employee can break a seal, tamper with, or damage any meter, remote reader, related wires, or UFR device; provided, however, that the city manager or city manager's designee may grant permission to a licensed plumber in case of emergency to break such seal for draining pipes or stopping water leaks.

SECTION IV. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, specifically Ordinance No. 2265 of the Ordinances of the City of Fort Dodge. Nothing in this ordinance prohibits the City Council to establish a different rate structure under the terms of a special utility services agreement.

SECTION V. SEVERABILITY

If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect following passage, approval, and publication by law required.

This Ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval, and publication, as by law provided. Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Fort Dodge, Iowa, this 20th day of December, AD, 2021.

First consideration 22nd day of November 2021.

Ayes: Flattery, Conrad, Fritz, Alstott, Moehnke and Schuur

Nays: Halter

Other: None

Second consideration 13th day of December 2021.

Ayes: Flattery, Conrad, Fritz, Alstott, Moehnke and Schuur

Nays: Halter

Other: None

Third consideration 20th day of December 2021.

Ayes: Flattery, Conrad, Fritz, Alstott, Moehnke and Schuur

Nays: None

Other: Absent: Halter

CITY OF FORT DODGE, IOWA

BY: 
Matt Bemrich, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeff Nemmers, City Clerk

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