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ORDINANCE NO. 880

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES, AND REPEALING THE ORIGINAL SECTION 15-219.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Maize, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Section 15-219 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15-219. **RATES FOR CUSTOMERS.** (a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following phrases shall have the meaning set forth as follows:

(1) “Billing Period” means from the first day of a month to the last day of the month.

(2) “Base Rate” means a minimum charge per Billing Period that is charged residences, businesses and other entities that have availability of the City’s water system during any part of a Billing Period.

(3) “City” means the City of Maize, Kansas.

(b) Rates for Customers Inside the City Limits of the City.

(1) Water service charges per Billing Period shall be assessed to residences, businesses, Educational Institutions, Higher Education Institutions, Industrial Users and other entities located within the City limits of the City that have water service availability at any time during a Billing Period at the rates set forth below. A residence, business, Educational Institution, Higher Education Institution, Industrial User or other entity is deemed to have water service availability if the City’s municipal water system is available during any part of the Billing Period to be connected or is connected to the City’s municipal water system. **PROVIDED, HOWEVER,** residences, businesses, educational institutions, higher education institutions, industrial users and other entities that have never been connected to the City’s municipal water system shall not be deemed to be available to be connected to the City’s municipal water system until thirty (30) calendar days after the City has provided to the Owner and/or occupant of such property written notice that such property is available to be connected to the City’s municipal water system.

The Base Rate is to be applied whether or not any water volume passes from the City’s municipal water system to the private water system during a Billing Period.

(2) The residence, multi-family residence, business, higher education institution, industrial or other entity, except Educational Institutions beginning January 1st, 2015 will pay a

base rate that will be adjusted on an annual basis as set forth in Table 1 below. The base rate per Billing Period, adjusted annually, is set forth in Table 1 below:

(3) In addition to the base rate charges, residence, multi-family residence, business, higher education institutions, industrial or other entity, except Educational Institutions will pay an additional charge based on gallons of water used per Billing Period that exceed 2,999 gallons, The charges for usage of water that exceeds 2,999 gallons will be adjusted on an annual basis as set forth in Table 1 below. The additional per Billing Period charges for usage of water that exceeds 2,999 gallons, adjusted annually, are set forth in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Water User Rates – 2015 to 2019

Effective Date	Base Rate		Rate/1,000 Gallons For 3,000 to 5,000	Rate/1,000 Gallons For 6,000 to 70,000	Rate/1,000 Gallons For 71,000 to 220,000	Rate/1,000 Gallons For 221,000 and more gallons used
January 1, 2015	Up to 2-inch meter	\$25.50	\$ 3.41	\$ 6.57	\$3.41	\$2.00
	2-inch up to 4-inch meter	\$50.25				
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter	\$60.25				
	6-inch meter and above	\$70.25				
January 1, 2016	Up to 2-inch meter	\$25.75	\$ 3.66	\$ 6.82	\$ 3.66	\$2.50
	2-inch up to 4-inch meter	\$50.50				
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter	\$60.50				
	6-inch meter and above	\$70.50				
January 1, 2017	Up to 2-inch meter	\$26.00	\$ 3.91	\$ 7.07	\$ 3.91	\$3.00
	2-inch up to 4-inch meter	\$50.75				
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter	\$60.75				
	6-inch meter and above	\$70.75				
January 1, 2018	Up to 2-inch meter	\$26.25	\$ 4.16	\$ 7.32	\$ 4.16	\$3.50
	2-inch up to 4-inch meter	\$51.00				
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter	\$61.00				
	6-inch meter and above	\$71.00				
January 1, 2019	Up to 2-inch meter	\$26.50	\$ 4.41	\$ 7.57	\$ 4.41	\$4.00
	2-inch up to 4-inch meter	\$51.25				
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter	\$61.25				
	6-inch meter and above	\$71.25				

(4) Multi-family residential complexes located within the corporate limits of the City shall be charged one Base Rate per Billing Period per meter. Every unit in a multi-family complex shall have a separate meter when every unit in the complex has a ground floor. When a multi-family complex has more than one story, and individual residential units can be accessed from common areas on floors other than the ground floor, the entire multi-story complex or entire buildings within the complex may be served by one meter. Each multi-family residential

unit occupied multi-family residential unit and non-occupied multi-family residential unit that is available for water service shall pay the Base Rate on a per residence basis.

All new applications for water service for multi-family residential units shall be metered according to the criteria described above.

(c) Educational Institutions.

(1) “Educational Institution” shall mean any public or private school building or group of buildings that provide a preschool through twelfth grade education and that receive water through one meter.

(2) For the purpose of this section (c), the following terms shall have meanings as set forth below:

a. “SBP” shall mean the school building population, including students and employees of a public school building.

b. “20” shall represent the average gallons per capita day usage by the SBP, based on national averages.

c. “2.5” shall represent the average household size in the City.

d. “130” shall represent the average gallons per capita day anticipated usage by a typical resident, based on national averages.

e. “0.75” shall represent the portion of the year in which the public school building is in operation in relation to the yearly water usage of a residence in the City. For purposes of this Section 15-219, the Educational Institution is anticipated to be in operation for nine (9) months each year.

(3) For purposes of determining the minimum water service charge per public school building, the City billing minimums shall be based on the household equivalent. For purposes herein, household equivalent is the ratio of total gallons of water demand by an Educational Institution to the average gallons per capita day water demand by residential users of the City’s water system. The household equivalent of each Educational Institution shall be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$\text{Step 1: Unadjusted Household Equivalent} = \frac{\text{SBP} \times 20}{130}$$

$$\text{Step 2: Household Equivalent} = \frac{\text{Unadjusted Household Equivalent} \times 0.75}{2.5}$$

(4) The minimum water usage for each Educational Institution shall be determined by taking the household equivalent for each Educational Institution times 2,000 gallons. The minimum water service charge for each public school building is the household equivalent times the base rate of \$25.25.

(5) Usage above the minimum water usage for each household equivalent in each Educational Institution shall be charged at the rates shown in Section 1(e)(2)(b), (c), (d) or (e) herein, based upon water usage.

(d) Rates for Customers Outside the City Limits of the City.

(1) Residences, businesses, educational institutions, higher education institutions, industrial users and other entities serviced by the City's municipal water system at locations outside the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Base Rate equal to 150% of the minimum charge paid by customers within the City limits of the City.

(2) Additional charges for water usage fees for every 1,000 gallons used per Billing Period shall be charged at the same rate as paid by residences, businesses, educational institutions, higher education institutions, industrial users, and other entities within the City.

(e) The meter readings made by the City shall be rounded down to the nearest thousand.

(f) The minimum water service charge will not be assessed if improvements that are being served or are available to be served are removed from the property.

SECTION 2. Repeal. The existing Section 15-219 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Section 3. Publication. A summary of this ordinance will be published once in the official City newspaper.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1st, 2015.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on this 18th day of August, 2014.

(SEAL)

CLAIR DONNELLY, Mayor

ATTEST:

JOCELYN REID, City Clerk