

**ORDINANCE #68694**  
**Board Bill No. 100**  
**Committee Substitute**

An ordinance pertaining to water rates; finding, determining and declaring that an increase in certain water rates is necessary for certain purposes; defining certain terms; repealing Ordinance 67919, parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.04.220, 23.06.130, 23.16.020, 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030, and 23.20.040, Revised Code, City of St. Louis 1994, Anno. (“*Revised Code*”), all having as their subject water rates and charges; enacting in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the same subject; with an emergency provision.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Findings and Determinations.** It is hereby found, determined and declared by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that increases in certain water rates as hereinafter provided are absolutely necessary to provide revenues sufficient (a) for the maintenance and operation of the City's waterworks and water facilities (b) to pay the running expenses of the Water Division, (c) to pay when due the principal of, redemption premium, if any, and interest on all outstanding St. Louis Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998, as required by Article XIII Section 11 of the St. Louis City Charter, (d) to comply with the requirements of the Indenture of Trust dated as of April 1, 1994, by and between the City and Mark Twain Bank (the "*Indenture*"), and (e) to fund an operating reserve fund.

**Section 2. Repeals.** The following ordinance provisions are hereby repealed effective on the Implementation Date, as hereinafter defined, or on the effective date of this ordinance, whichever is later: Ordinance 67919, parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.04.220, 23.06.130, 23.16.020, 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030, and 23.20.040, Revised Code.

**Section 3. Definitions.** As used in this Ordinance, “Implementation Date” means the time period beginning on July 1, 2010, or the effective date of this ordinance whichever is later.

**Section 4. Effective Date of Rates and Changes.** The rates and charges imposed by Sections 5 to 12, inclusive, of this ordinance shall be effective on the Implementation Date.

**Section 5. Flat Rates.** The following water rates are hereby imposed:

(a) Flat rate for domestic use.

For the use of water for domestic family residence, flat or apartment purposes, for periods of three months in advance:

Room charge, each..... \$ 3.76

Water closet, each.....\$14.72

Baths, each..... \$ 12.35

Shower, separate from bath, each..... \$ 12.35

Sprinkling charge of \$.25 per front foot shall be assessed each three month billing period for lawn sprinkling and other outside uses beginning with the Implementation Date of this ordinance.

(b) Temporary use of flat rate.

In those cases where users are not eligible for flat rates as enumerated in Section 23.16.060, Revised Code, and where existing water service is unmetered as of the effective date of this ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Water Commissioner, as soon as possible, to cause the installation or setting of the required meter. In the interim, bills shall be rendered to these customers on the basis of the appropriate flat rates imposed by this ordinance.

- (b) Swimming pool charge.

A flat water rate shall be applied where a swimming pool, pond or other pool is found on the premises having a capacity of more than one hundred (100) cubic feet and less than two thousand (2,000) cubic feet which are not metered under Section 23.16.060, Revised Code. Said flat rate shall be payable for periods of three (3) months in advance as follows:

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet--\$23.15

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet--\$32.40

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet--\$41.68

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet--\$50.93

After paying the flat rates imposed under the foregoing Subsection (c)1 or Section 5(c)1 of Ordinance 67919, or both, for a minimum of one (1) year, the user making said payments shall have the option to pay at meter rates as provided by Chapter 23.18, Revised Code. Such options shall be exercised in writing on forms supplied by the Water Commissioner. The user shall provide for the meter by having a meter box and set up installed on the service in accordance with Section 23.04.210, Revised Code, at the user's own expense.

**Section 6. Metered Rates.**

- (a) Water furnished to all metered connections shall be assessed for use per three-month billing period, or less, at rates equal to the combined sum of a readiness-to-serve charge and a quantity charge.

- (b) The readiness-to-serve charge shall be determined by the size of the meter and shall be as follows:

5/8" .....	\$ 23.84
3/4" .....	27.78
1" .....	35.22
1½" .....	50.93
2" .....	74.02
3" .....	143.51
4" .....	254.55
6" .....	485.99
8" .....	740.53
10" .....	1,018.25

- (c) Should water be furnished through two (2) or more separate meters, the readiness-to-serve charge shall be the combined total of the readiness-to-serve charge for each meter. Should water be furnished through a single meter containing two (2) or more metering elements, the readiness-to-serve charge shall be that for a single meter the size of the largest metering element.

- (d) The quantity charge shall be at the following rates:

- (i) For first 25,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$1.77.

(ii) For next 1,975,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$1.38.

(iii) Over 2,000,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$1.04.

(e) Should water be furnished through two (2) or more meters or through a single meter with two (2) or more metering elements, the quantity charge shall be based on the combined total of all water used as indicated by all registers.

**Section 7. Special Rates in Hospitals or Charitable Institutions.**

(a) The quantity charge for the use of water by any hospital or charitable institution in the City which shall make written application to the Water Commissioner, signed by its president, secretary or managing officer, asking for a special charity rate, and stating that free service is furnished to not less than ten (10) percent of its patients, members or inmates, and giving special details of the management as are necessary to show the philanthropic nature of the institution shall, if approved by the Water Commissioner, be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.93 per 100 cubic feet.

(b) In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section 6 of this ordinance.

**Section 8. School Rates.**

(a) The quantity charge for the use of water by any public, parochial, inter-parochial schools, public libraries, and art museum of the Art Museum subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis shall be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$1.04 per 100 cubic feet. In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section Six of this ordinance.

**Section 9. Zoological Parks.**

(a) The quantity charge for the use of water by zoological parks of the Zoological subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis shall be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.93 per 100 cubic feet.

(b) In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section Six of this ordinance.

**Section 10. Water turn-on Service Charge.**

A service charge equal to the then current Section 11 Shutoff for Delinquency rate shall be collected in advance for turning on water to new flat rate and meter accounts.

**Section 11. Shutoff for Delinquency.**

The Collector of Revenue shall furnish the Water Commissioner a written list each day of all water bills paid the previous day. The Water Commissioner shall shut off the water from all premises for the nonpayment of delinquent bills. Water shall not again be furnished thereto until all outstanding obligations for water supplied to such premises shall have been paid in full and a charge of \$30.00 has been paid in advance for turning on such water.

**Fire Protection Connections.**

(a) All new and existing installations for private sprinkler type protection shall be provided with a suitable control valve just inside the building or property line. Connections serving automatic sprinkler equipment must be equipped with an approved type of water flow alarm service of any of local and central station alarms, local alarms and watchman with watch service, or approved outdoor local alarms where there is no watchman on the premises. Water through these connections shall be used to extinguish fires only and the use of water for any other purpose is expressly prohibited. No meter shall be required on connections used to supply private fire protection systems with sprinkler equipment only. Where new and existing connections for private fire protection supply standpipe and hose rack systems or private fire hydrants are or have been installed, a detector check valve with bypass meter and vault shall be installed at the expense of the applicant and if it is found that water is being used for purposes other

than the extinguishment of fires or testing, the Water Commissioner shall install a fire service meter and vault at the expense of the owner or occupant. Prior to installation the Water Commissioner shall require a deposit for the estimated cost of all fire service meter and vault installations within ten (10) days of notification or the water shall be shut off from the water main and the Insurance Services Office of Missouri and the Fire Marshal notified of this action. A service charge of One Hundred Sixty-Eight dollars (\$168.00) shall be assessed against each connection made with the mains of the Water Division for all new and existing private fire protection connections used to supply sprinkler equipment only and against all new and existing private fire protection connections regulated by detector check valves with bypass meters. Should water in excess of that required for the emergency extinguishment of fires be used through any private fire protection system regulated by a detector check valve with bypass meter then such water use shall be assessed a quantity charge, but not the readiness-to-serve charge, at the rates set forth in Section Six of this ordinance. Private fire protection connections regulated by fire service meters shall be assessed the regular meter rates as set forth in Section Six of this ordinance. For any private fire protection connection regulated either by a detector check valve with bypass meter or by a fire meter an adjustment will be made for water used for the emergency extinguishment of fire where such use is claimed and certified to the Water Commissioner by the occupant or owner. In cases where these bills are not paid within thirty (30) days, the Water Commissioner shall cause the connection to be shut off and notify the Insurance Services Office of Missouri and the Fire Marshal of this action.

(b) Sprinkler protection shall be considered a piping system with nationally recognized testing laboratory approved sprinkler heads attached. Stand-pipe and hose racks systems shall be considered any arrangements of piping whereby hoses for fighting fires can be attached to the pipes and used either by the occupant or owner or the Fire Department. A fire hydrant shall be considered any water connection with an outlet at least two and one-half (2 1/2) inches inside diameter and provided with the same size threads used by the St. Louis Fire Department. Two (2) inch or smaller fire protection connections shall be used only when approved by the Fire Marshal and by the Water Commissioner and no water for purposes other than fire extinguishment shall be taken from such connections.

(c) Limited service sprinklers attached to domestic service lines shall conform to the following minimum requirements. One (1) sprinkler head per fire area when supplied from a one (1) inch domestic service. Two (2) sprinkler heads per fire area when supplied from a one-and-one-half (1 1/2) inch domestic service. Four (4) sprinkler heads per fire area when supplied from a two (2) inch domestic service. A fire area shall be a confined area which may contain hazardous substances. Limited service sprinklers in any one (1) building shall be limited to a maximum of twenty (20) sprinklers. No sprinkler supply lines shall be attached to the domestic service before the domestic water meter.

**Section 12.        Emergency.**

This being an ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance under Article IV, Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and it shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor or its adoption over his veto.

**Approved: June 25, 2010**