

## *St. Louis City Ordinance 63136*

FLOOR SUBSTITUTE

BOARD BILL NO. [93] 306

INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN Robert Ruggeri

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 certain parts of Section Four of Ordinance 59524, which constitute part of and are presently codified in the Revised Code, St. Louis 1980 Anno.: Section 4 (23.16.040); (23.16.050); (23.16.070); (23.16.080); (23.18.070); (23.20.020); (23.20.030); and (23.20.040), all having as their subject water rates and charges; enacting in lieu thereof one new section with eight subsections; with an emergency clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. 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 necessary to provide revenues sufficient for the maintenance and operation of the City's waterworks and water facilities and at least to pay the running expenses of the Water Division, and for the payment of the outstanding St. Louis Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1985 as required by Article XIII Section 11 of the St. Louis City Charter and for the payment of the principal of and interest on all additional outstanding Water Revenue Bonds when such bonds become due.

Section Two. The following parts of Section One of Ordinance 59524, numbered and referred to in such section as new sections of the Revised Code, presently codified in the Revised Code, St. Louis, 1980 Anno., as part of Ordinance 59524, and any other Ordinances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed: Section 4 (23.16.040); (23.16.050); (23.16.070); (23.16.080); (23.18.070); (23.20.020); (23.20.030); and (23.20.040).

Section Three. As used in this Ordinance, First Year means the year beginning on the effective date of this Ordinance, and Second and Third Years mean the years beginning on the second and third anniversaries of such effective date, respectively.

Section Four. 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:

#### FIRST YEAR

Room charge, each \$1.85  
Water closet, each \$7.22  
Baths, each \$6.06  
Shower, separate from bath, each \$6.06

#### SECOND YEAR

Room charge, each \$2.09  
Water closet, each \$8.16  
Baths, each \$6.85  
Shower, separate from bath, each \$6.85

#### THIRD YEAR

Room charge, each \$2.24  
Water closet, each \$8.73  
Baths, each \$7.33  
Shower, separate from bath, each \$7.33

Sprinkling charge of \$.124 per front foot shall be assessed each three month billing period for lawn sprinkling and other outside uses the first year after the effective date of the ordinance. This charge shall be \$.140 per foot the second year and \$.150 per front foot the third year.

(c) Temporary use of flat rate.

In those cases where users are not eligible for flat rates as enumerated in Section 23.16.060, and where existing water service is unmetered as of the effective date of the ordinance, it shall be the duty of the Water Commissioner, as soon as possible, to install or set the required meter. In the interim, bills shall be rendered to these customers on the basis of the appropriate flat rates in effect prior to the passage of this ordinance, plus twenty-two percent (22%) thereof.

(d) Swimming pool charge.

1. 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. Said flat rate shall be payable for periods of three (3) months in advance as follows:

#### FIRST YEAR

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet,\$11.36.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet,\$15.90.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet,\$20.45.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet,\$24.99.

#### SECOND YEAR

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet,\$12.84.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet,\$17.97.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet,\$23.11.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet,\$28.24.

#### THIRD YEAR

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet,\$13.74.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet,\$19.23.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet,\$24.73.

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet,\$30.22.

2. After such flat rates have been paid 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. 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 at its own expense.

(e) Rates.

1. 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.

2. The readiness-to-serve charge shall be determined by the size of the meter and shall be as follows:

#### FIRST YEAR

Meter

5/8" \$11.71

3/4" 13.63

1" 17.28

1 1/2" 24.99

2" 36.34

3" 70.43

4" 124.94

6" 238.51

8" 363.45

10" 499.76

#### SECOND YEAR

Meter

5/8" \$13.23

3/4" 15.40

1" 19.53

1 1/2" 28.24

2" 41.06  
3" 79.59  
4" 141.18  
6" 269.52  
8" 410.70  
10" 564.73

### THIRD YEAR

#### Meter

5/8" \$14.16  
3/4" 16.48  
1" 20.90  
1 1/4" 30.22  
2" 43.93  
3" 85.16  
4" 151.06  
6" 288.39  
8" 439.45  
10" 604.26

3. 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.

4. The quantity charge shall be at the following rates:

For first 25,000 cu. ft. per billing, per 100 cu. ft., \$0.87 the first year, \$0.98 the second year and \$1.05 the third year.

For next 1,975,000 cu. ft. per billing, per 100 cu. ft., \$0.68 the first year, \$0.77 the second year and \$0.82 the third year.

Over 2,000,000 cu. ft. per billing, per 100 cu. ft. - \$0.51 the first year, \$0.58 the second year and \$0.62 the third year.

5. 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.

(f) Special rates in hospitals or charitable institutions.

1. 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 \$0.45 per one hundred cubic feet the first year, \$0.51 the second year and \$0.55 the third year.

2. 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 23.18.070.

(g) School rates.

1. The quantity charge for the use of water by any public parochial, interparochial schools, public libraries, and art museum of the City shall be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.51 per one hundred cubic feet the first year, \$0.58 the second year and \$0.62 the third year.

2. 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 23.18.070.

(h) Zoological parks.

1. The quantity charge for the use of water by zoological parks established pursuant to Section 90.580 to 90.650 Revised Statutes of Missouri 1978 shall be \$0.45 per one hundred cubic feet the first year, \$0.51 the second year and \$0.55 the third year.

2. 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 23.18.070.

Section Five. Sums of money due and owing for water or water service, or rights or privileges arising before the effective date of this Ordinance with respect to water or water services, shall not be retroactively affected by this Ordinance.

Section Six. This being an ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, 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 on July 1, 1994 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

<b>Legislative History</b>				
<b>1ST READING</b>	<b>REF TO COMM</b>	<b>COMMITTEE</b>	<b>COMM SUB</b>	<b>COMM AMEND</b>
<b>02/25/94</b>	<b>02/25/94</b>	<b>PU</b>		
<b>2ND READING</b>	<b>FLOOR AMEND</b>	<b>FLOOR SUB</b>	<b>PERFECTN</b>	<b>PASSAGE</b>
<b>03/04/94</b>			<b>03/11/94</b>	<b>03/18/94</b>
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