

1 An ordinance pertaining to water rates; finding, determining and declaring that an increase in  
2 certain water rates is necessary for certain purposes; defining certain terms; repealing that part  
3 of Section One of Ordinance 57997 designated as Section 547.230 which is presently codified  
4 as Section 23.04.220, Revised Code, City of St. Louis 1994, Anno. (“Revised Code”) and  
5 Ordinance 66076, parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.06.130, 23.16.020,  
6 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030 and 23.20.040, Revised Code, all having  
7 as their subject water rates and charges; enacting in lieu thereof nine new sections relating to the  
8 same subject; with an emergency provision.

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

10 **SECTION ONE.** Findings.

11 It is hereby found, determined and declared by the Board of Aldermen of the City of  
12 St. Louis that increases in certain water rates as hereinafter provided, are necessary to provide  
13 revenues sufficient for the maintenance and operation of the City's waterworks and water  
14 facilities and at least to pay the running expenses of the Water Division, and for the payment of  
15 the outstanding St. Louis Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1998 as required by Article  
16 XIII Section 11 of the St. Louis City Charter and for the payment of the principal of and interest  
17 on all additional outstanding Water Revenue Bonds when such bonds become due.

1 **SECTION TWO.** Repeals.

2 The following ordinance provisions are hereby repealed effective on the first day of the  
3 First Year, as hereinafter defined, or on the effective date of this ordinance, whichever is later:  
4 that part of Section One of Ordinance 57997 designated as Section 547.230 which is presently  
5 codified as Section 23.04.220, Revised Code, City of St. Louis 1994, Anno. (“Revised Code”)  
6 and Ordinance 66076 parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.06.130, 23.16.020,  
7 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030 and 23.20.040, Revised Code.

8 **SECTION THREE.** Definitions.

9 As used in this Ordinance, First Year means the time period beginning on April 1, 2008, or  
10 the effective date of this ordinance whichever is later, until the beginning of the Second Year,  
11 and Second Year means the time period beginning on July 1, 2009, respectively.

12 **SECTION FOUR.** Effective Date of Rates and Charges.

13 The rates and charges imposed by Sections Five to Twelve, inclusive, of this ordinance  
14 shall be effective on the first day of the First Year.

15 **SECTION FIVE.** Flat Rates.

16 The following water rates are hereby imposed:

17 (a) Flat rate for domestic use.

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

20  
21 **FIRST YEAR**

22	Room charge, each.....	\$ 3.03
23	Water closet, each.....	\$11.84
24	Baths, each.....	\$ 9.94
25	Shower, separate from bath, each.....	\$ 9.94

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1           **SECOND YEAR**

2           Room charge, each..... \$ 3.36

3           Water closet, each..... \$13.14

4           Baths, each..... \$11.03

5           Shower, separate from bath, each.....\$11.03

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7           Sprinkling charge of \$.20 per front foot shall be assessed each three month billing period

8 for lawn sprinkling and other outside uses beginning with the First Year of this ordinance. This

9 charge shall be \$.22 per foot in the Second Year.

10           (b) Temporary use of flat rate.

11           In those cases where users are not eligible for flat rates as enumerated in Section  
12 23.16.060, Revised Code, and where existing water service is unmetered as of the first day of the  
13 First Year, it shall be the duty of the Water Commissioner, as soon as possible, to cause the  
14 installation or setting of the required meter. In the interim, bills shall be rendered to these  
15 customers on the basis of the appropriate flat rates imposed by this ordinance.

16           (c) Swimming pool charge.

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

21           **FIRST YEAR**

22           Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501  
23 cubic feet---\$18.62.

24           Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic  
25 feet---\$26.06.

1 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic  
2 feet ---- \$33.52.

3 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic  
4 feet----\$40.96.

5 **SECOND YEAR**

6 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501  
7 cubic feet----\$20.67.

8 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet----  
9 \$28.93.

10 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet--  
11 \$37.21.

12 Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet--  
13 \$45.47.

14 2. After paying the flat rates imposed under the foregoing subsection (c).1 or Section  
15 5(c)1. of Ordinance 66076, or both, for a minimum of one (1) year, the user making said  
16 payments shall have the option to pay at meter rates as provided by Chapter 23.18, Revised  
17 Code. Such options shall be exercised in writing on forms supplied by the Water Commissioner.  
18 The user shall provide for the meter by having a meter box and set up installed on the service in  
19 accordance with Section 23.04.210, Revised Code, at the user's own expense.

20 **SECTION SIX. Metered Rates.**

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

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

3 **FIRST YEAR**

4  
5 Meter

6  
7 5/8" ..... \$ 19.18  
8 3/4" ..... 22.34  
9 1" ..... 28.33  
10 1½" ..... 40.96  
11 2" ..... 59.54  
12 3" ..... 115.43  
13 4" ..... 204.76  
14 6" ..... 390.92  
15 8" ..... 595.67  
16 10" ..... 819.05  
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18 **SECOND YEAR**

19  
20 Meter

21  
22 5/8" ..... \$21.29  
23 3/4" ..... 24.80  
24 1" ..... 31.45  
25 1½" ..... 45.47  
26 2" ..... 66.09  
27 3" ..... 128.13  
28 4" ..... 227.28  
29 6" ..... 433.92  
30 8" ..... 661.19  
31 10" ..... 909.15  
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34 (c). Should water be furnished through two (2) or more separate meters, the readiness-to-  
35 serve charge shall be the combined total of the readiness-to-serve charge for each meter. Should  
36 water be furnished through a single meter containing two (2) or more metering elements, the  
37 readiness-to-serve charge shall be that for a single meter the size of the largest metering element.

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

2 For first 25,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet,\$1.42 in the First Year and \$1.58 in  
3 the Second Year.

4 For next 1,975,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$1.11 in the First Year and  
5 \$1.23 in the Second Year.

6 Over 2,000,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$0.84 in the First Year and \$0.93 in  
7 the Second Year.

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

11 **SECTION SEVEN.** Special rates in hospitals or charitable institutions.

12 (a). The quantity charge for the use of water by any hospital or charitable institution in the  
13 City which shall make written application to the Water Commissioner, signed by its president,  
14 secretary or managing officer, asking for a special charity rate, and stating that free service is  
15 furnished to not less than ten (10) percent of its patients, members or inmates, and giving special  
16 details of the management as are necessary to show the philanthropic nature of the institution  
17 shall, if approved by the Water Commissioner, be assessed for the water used in the institution at  
18 a special rate of \$0.84 per 100 cubic feet the First Year and \$0.93 per 100 cubic feet the Second  
19 Year.

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

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1 **SECTION EIGHT.** School rates.

2 (a). The quantity charge for the use of water by any public, parochial, interparochial schools,  
3 public libraries, and art museum of the Art Museum subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological  
4 Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis shall be assessed  
5 for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.84 per 100 cubic feet the First Year  
6 and \$0.93 per 100 cubic feet the Second Year.

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

10 **SECTION NINE.** Zoological parks.

11 (a). The quantity charge for the use of water by zoological parks of the Zoological subdistrict  
12 of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County  
13 of St. Louis shall be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.84 per  
14 100 cubic feet the First Year and \$0.93 per 100 cubic feet the Second Year.

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

18 **SECTION TEN.** Water turn-on service charge.

19 A service charge of \$25.00 shall be collected in advance for turning on water to new flat  
20 rate and meter accounts.

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1 **SECTION ELEVEN.** Shutoff for delinquency.

2       The Collector of Revenue shall furnish the Water Commissioner a written list each day of  
3 all water bills paid the previous day. The Water Commissioner shall shut off the water from all  
4 premises for the nonpayment of delinquent bills. Water shall not again be furnished thereto until  
5 all outstanding obligations for water supplied to such premises shall have been paid in full, and a  
6 charge of \$25.00 has been paid in advance for turning on such water.

7 **SECTION TWELVE.** Fire protection connections.

8 A. All new and existing installations for private sprinkler type protection shall be provided  
9 with a suitable control valve just inside the building or property line. Connections serving  
10 automatic sprinkler equipment must be equipped with an approved type of water flow alarm  
11 service of either local and central station alarms, local alarms and watchman with watch  
12 service, or approved outdoor local alarms where there is no watchman on the premises.  
13 Water through these connections shall be used to extinguish fires only and the use of water  
14 for any other purpose is expressly prohibited. No meter shall be required on connections used  
15 to supply private fire protection systems with sprinkler equipment only. Where new and  
16 existing connections for private fire protection supply standpipe and hose rack systems or  
17 private fire hydrants are or have been installed, a detector check valve with bypass meter and  
18 vault shall be installed at the expense of the applicant and if it is found that water is being  
19 used for purposes other than the extinguishment of fires or testing, the Water Commissioner  
20 shall install a fire service meter and vault at the expense of the owner or occupant. Prior to  
21 installation the Water Commissioner shall require a deposit for the estimated cost of all fire  
22 service meter and vault installations within ten (10) days of notification or the water shall be

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1 shut off from the water main and the Insurance Services Office of Missouri and the Fire  
2 Marshal notified of this action. A service charge of One Hundred Eight dollars (\$108.00) per  
3 year shall be assessed against each connection made with the mains of the Water Division for  
4 all new and existing private fire protection connections used to supply sprinkler equipment  
5 only and against all new and existing private fire protection connections regulated by  
6 detector check valves with bypass meters. Should water in excess of that required for the  
7 emergency extinguishment of fires be used through any private fire protection system  
8 regulated by a detector check valve with bypass meter then such water use shall be assessed a  
9 quantity charge, but not the readiness-to-serve charge, at the rates set forth in Section Six of  
10 this ordinance. Private fire protection connections regulated by fire service meters shall be  
11 assessed the regular meter rates as set forth in Section Six of this ordinance. For any private  
12 fire protection connection regulated either by a detector check valve with bypass meter or by  
13 a fire meter an adjustment will be made for water used for the emergency extinguishment of  
14 fire where such use is claimed and certified to the Water Commissioner by the occupant or  
15 owner. In cases where these bills are not paid within thirty (30) days, the Water  
16 Commissioner shall cause the connection to be shut off and notify the Insurance Services  
17 Office of Missouri and the Fire Marshal of this action.

18 B. Sprinkler protection shall be considered a piping system with nationally recognized  
19 testing laboratory approved sprinkler heads attached. Stand-pipe and hose racks systems shall  
20 be considered any arrangements of piping whereby hoses for fighting fires can be attached to  
21 the pipes and used either by the occupant or owner or the Fire Department. A fire hydrant  
22 shall be considered any water connection with an outlet at least two and one-half (2 1/2)

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1 inches inside diameter and provided with the same size threads used by the St. Louis Fire  
2 Department. Two (2) inch or smaller fire protection connections shall be used only when  
3 approved by the Fire Marshal and by the Water Commissioner and no water for purposes  
4 other than fire extinguishment shall be taken from such connections.

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

13 **SECTION THIRTEEN.** Emergency

14 This being an ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and  
15 safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance under Article IV, Sections 19 and  
16 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and it shall take effect and be in full force  
17 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor or its adoption over his veto.