

ORDINANCE NO. 3692

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II SECTION 13.04.340 PLACEMENT OF SERVICE LINES AND AMENDING ARTICLE III, SECTION 13.04.460 RENTAL OF WATER METERS AND AMENDING ARTICLE IV, SECTION 13.04.590 SERVICE CHARGES ALL OF CHAPTER 13.04 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Article II Section 13.04.340 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE II. SERVICE LINES**

13.04.340 Placement in relation to street.

All water service lines, including private lines, must run ~~parallel~~ or at right angles to the street.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Article III, Section 13.04.460 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE III. METERS**

13.04.460 Rental.

Anyone renting water meters from the water and sewer department will be charged at the following rates, to be charged from and including the first day to and including the last day of the rental period. No meter shall be rented for longer than a six-month period. Any damage to the meter, other than normal wear, will be charged to those renting the meters.

Meter Size	Rental Per Day
5/8"	<del>\$0.08</del> <u>0.10</u>
3/4"	0.12
1"	0.17
1 1/2"	<del>0.32</del> <u>0.35</u>
2"	<del>0.46</del> <u>0.50</u>
3"	<del>1.22</del> <u>1.60</u>
4"	<del>2.05</del> <u>2.50</u>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City that Article IV, Section 13.04.590 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**ARTICLE IV. SERVICE CHARGES**

13.04.590 Rates prescribed.

A. All water taken from the waterworks system shall be metered or accounted for by a method approved by the director of public works and shall be paid for monthly by the

consumer named on the account, based upon monthly meter readings or estimates, at the following rates:

1. For water delivered to service lines through mains owned by the city after the meter reading in ~~June, 2000~~ July, 2001:

<u>100 Cubic Feet</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet</u> 200 <u>0</u> <u>1</u>	
<del>0-200</del> <u>0-2</u>	Minimum specified in subsection B of this section	
<del>201</del> and over <u>2</u>	<del>\$0.81</del>	<u>0.89</u>
Volume charge for water delivered above irrigation allowance	<del>\$1.17</del>	<u>1.30</u>

**Irrigation Allowance for Meters Used for Irrigation**

Meter Size	Volume, 100 Cubic Feet
5/8"	40
3/4"	50
1"	50
1 1/2"	150
2"	150
3"	200
4"	200

An advanced payment, which shall be included in the first month's billing, shall be charged for each account as follows:

5/8" to 3/4" meter                               \$25.00

Meters larger than 3/4"                       \$100.00

2. For water delivered to service lines through city or privately owned water mains outside the city limits or through mains owned by a governmental entity other than the city, the rates shall be established by contract.

3. Wholesale rates (to systems within the city):

**Per 100 Cubic Feet**

~~2000~~1

~~\$0.64~~     0.70

4. Water sold to Ellsworth Air Force Base outside the city:  
**Per 100 Cubic Feet**

~~2000~~

\$0.15

5. Raw water:

**Per 100 Cubic Feet**

~~2000~~

~~\$0.11~~     0.13

B. The minimum charges prescribed in subsection A of this section, based upon the size of the meter, shall be as follows:

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>Charge Per Month</b>	
	<del>2000</del>	
5/8"	<del>\$4.05</del>	<u>4.30</u>
3/4"	<del>\$5.80</del>	<u>6.15</u>
1"	<del>\$7.40</del>	<u>7.80</u>
1 1/2"	<del>\$12.90</del>	<u>13.60</u>
2"	<del>\$19.25</del>	<u>20.25</u>
3"	<del>\$25.70</del>	<u>27.00</u>
4"	<del>\$38.50</del>	<u>40.50</u>
6"	<del>\$65.15</del>	<u>68.50</u>
8"	<del>\$105.75</del>	<u>111.00</u>

C. There is established and imposed, pursuant to the authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40, a surcharge upon the service of water taken from the waterworks system, the proceeds of such surcharge to be used for payment of the principal of and interest on bonds issued under authority of SDCL Chapter 9-40; provided, that any amount charged during any calendar year in excess of the amount required to pay the principal of and interest upon such bonds which is due and payable during such year may be expended for additions to, replacements of, rehabilitation of, or improvements to the waterworks system. The surcharge shall be imposed at the following rates:

1. For water use less than two hundred cubic feet in any billing cycle month: one dollar;
2. For water used in excess of two hundred cubic feet in any billing cycle month: thirty-five cents per one hundred cubic feet.

The surcharge shall not apply to sales of raw water pursuant to subsection A(5) of this section.

D. A new account charge of seven dollars and fifty cents for accounts within the city limits and ten dollars for accounts outside the city limits shall be paid for water turn-on service. A surcharge of fifteen dollars shall be paid in addition to the turn-on charge if such service is requested to be performed during hours other than hours that the general offices of the city are open. An additional surcharge of eight dollars and fifty cents during normal hours and fifteen dollars for after hours shall be paid if the employees of the city are unable to turn on the water because of inability to obtain access through no fault of the city.

E. No funds collected pursuant to charges imposed by subsections A and B of this section shall be spent for other than waterworks expenditures. No funds collected pursuant to charges imposed by subsection C of this section shall be spent for any purpose other than the purposes specified in subsection C of this section.

F. Whereas the state has imposed a tax denominated as an environmental fee upon central systems providing drinking water, there is imposed a surcharge, as set forth below, in addition to the charges established by subsection A(1) of this section, which surcharge shall be billed and collected with the monthly bill for July, 1992, and thereafter in June of each year.

The surcharge is imposed at the following rates:

<b>Meter Size (inches)</b>	<b>Annual State Environmental Tax Surcharge</b>
5/8"	\$ 1.25
3/4"	1.40
1"	1.75
1 1/2"	2.25
2"	3.50
3"	13.75
4"	17.50
6"	26.25
8"	35.25

A.

(1) No person other than authorized employees of the city shall open, close, or operate any fire hydrant which is part of or connected to the city system.

(2) Except as provided in subsection B of this section, no person shall take any water from any fire hydrant which is part of or connected to the city system.

(3) No person other than authorized employees of the city shall attach, remove, or replace any hose, meter, back-flow prevention device, or other apparatus to or from any fire hydrant which is part of or connected to the city system; provided, nonetheless, that nothing herein shall prohibit authorized employees of a contractor engaged in the work of constructing additions to the city system from making such connections to the system as are shown on approved plans prepared by a licensed professional engineer.

(4) A violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), thirty (30) days in jail, or both. Each violation shall be punishable as a separate offense.

B. The director of public works may authorize the taking of water from fire hydrants subject to the following conditions:

(1) All water shall be metered through meters provided and installed by the city, or approved in writing by the director of public works, and shall be paid for at the rates provided by Section 13.04.590 (A).

(2) The public works director, with the approval of the city council, shall establish written policies for the taking of water from fire hydrants. Such policies shall include the types of proposed uses which will qualify for use of water from fire hydrants, the fees to be charged in connection therewith in addition to the rates for use of water, and such other matters as he shall deem appropriate.

(3) Before any meter is installed and before any water is taken from the hydrant the customer shall pay to the city, at the time the account is opened, a deposit of \$500.00 to cover the costs of enforcing this ordinance in the event of the failure of the customer to comply with the provisions of this section. Upon closing the account the customer may have the deposit refunded if all city equipment is recovered undamaged and in good working order, the meter has not been removed or relocated by other than city employees, the account has been paid in full, and in all other respects the use of the hydrant has been in full compliance with this section. The deposit shall be for the purpose of paying administrative costs incurred by the City in enforcing this ordinance and shall not be construed as a prepayment for the use of water or prepayment of damages arising from the failure to comply with this section.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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Finance Officer

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