

BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDINANCE NO. 3-2015

IN THE MATTER OF AMENDING ORDINANCE 9-2007 AND YAKIMA COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 12-08, PERTAINING TO YAKIMA COUNTY WATER SYSTEMS.

WHEREAS, the Water System Ordinance was last amended on December 18, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, certain provisions need to be revised to provide clarification for the operation and maintenance of County water systems; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Yakima County Commissioners held a duly advertised public hearing for the purpose of considering the amendment of Ordinance. 4-1985, Ordinance 9-2001, Ordinance. 9-2007 and Yakima County Code Chapter 12-08 on August 4, 2015, pursuant to Resolution No. 266-2015 dated July 21, 2015, wherein testimony was heard from all those persons present who wished to be heard; and,

WHEREAS, the time and date of the public hearing were published in the July 22, 2015 issue of the Yakima Herald-Republic newspaper; and,

WHEREAS, after considering the testimony and materials presented, the Board of Yakima County Commissioners believes it is in the best public interest to amend Ordinance 4-1985, Ordinance 9-2001, Ordinance 9-2007 and Yakima County Code Chapter 12-08 as proposed below; now, therefore,

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Yakima County, Washington:

Section 1. Section 12.08.070 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled "Private Water Lines - Regulations" shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.070 Private Water Lines - Regulations.

All private water lines shall be installed, owned and maintained by the customers and the County shall have no duty to repair or replace such mains or lines. Water meters on private water lines shall be placed, installed and maintained as directed by the Public Services Director, and shall remain the property of the County regardless of location. Private water lines used for fire protection service lines shall include all piping downstream of the County's tee and isolation valve supplying the fire protection service line, including the piping between the County's isolation valve and the customer's backflow assembly.

(Ord. 9-2007 § 6, 2007: Ord. 4-1985 Mod. 4 § 2.02, 1994).

Section 2. Section 12.08.330 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled "Ready to serve charges" shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.330 Ready to serve charges.

(a)The minimum monthly ready to serve charge for the Buena water system shall be in accordance with the following table. The amounts shown below are current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Meter Size	Buena Water System Ready to Serve Charge
3/4" & less.....	\$ <u>11.408.15</u>
1".....	<u>19.5013.80</u>
1-1/2".....	<u>41.2029.40</u>
2".....	<u>68.0048.30</u>
3".....	<u>153.00109.00</u>
4".....	<u>269.00191.00</u>

(b)The minimum monthly ready to serve charge for the Terrace Heights water system shall be in accordance with the following table. The amounts shown below are current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Meter Size	Terrace Heights Water System Ready to Serve Charge
3/4" <u>& less</u>	\$ <u>19.2013.10</u>
1".....	<u>34.3023.30</u>
1-1/2".....	<u>76.8052.40</u>
2".....	<u>136.0093.30</u>
3".....	<u>309.00210.00</u>
4".....	<u>548.00373.00</u>
6".....	<u>1,228.00839.00</u>
8".....	<u>2,188.001,494.00</u>
10".....	<u>3,415.002,332.00</u>

(c)The monthly service charge for any single-family residential customer in the Terrace Heights water system that does not have a readable meter shall be a flat rate of thirty dollars per month.

(d)The minimum monthly ready to serve charge for the Gala Estates water system shall be in accordance with the following table. The amounts shown below are

current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Gala Estates Water System		
Meter Size	Ready to Serve Charge	
	2008	2009
3/4" & less.....	\$ <u>31.00</u>	\$16.00 ——— \$18.50
1"	<u>44.00</u>	23.00 ——— 26.50
1-1/2".....	<u>100.00</u>	52.00 ——— 60.00
2".....	<u>170.00</u>	88.50 ——— 102.00

(e) The 2015 minimum monthly ready to serve charge for the Crewport Water System shall be \$43.7037.00 per month for a 3/4" connection. The minimum monthly ready to serve charge shall be adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.

(f) The minimum monthly ready to serve charge for small satellite water systems with 14 or less than 9 connections shall be in accordance with the following table. The amounts shown below are current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Water System	Minimum for Undeveloped Lot	Minimum for Developed Lot
Beckon Ridge	<u>\$14.40</u> 13.00	<u>\$39.90</u> 36.00
Bittner	<u>\$16.30</u> 14.00	<u>\$125.00</u> 56.00
Bonair	<u>\$14.80</u> 12.00	<u>\$43.10</u> 35.00
Buchanan (Canyon Creek)	<u>\$16.30</u> 14.00	<u>\$53.50</u> 46.00
Fairway Estates	<u>\$11.10</u> 10.00	<u>\$54.30</u> 49.00
Gibson	<u>\$11.60</u> 10.00	<u>\$34.00</u> 29.00
Heysman	<u>\$14.40</u> 13.00	<u>\$33.20</u> 30.00
Huntzinger	<u>\$11.70</u> 10.00	<u>\$44.50</u> 38.00
Kodiak	<u>\$11.10</u> 10.00	<u>\$27.70</u> 25.00
Meadowbrook	<u>\$12.10</u> 10.00	<u>\$39.70</u> 33.00
Nagler	<u>\$11.60</u> 10.00	<u>\$34.90</u> 30.00
Norman	<u>\$14.40</u>	<u>\$46.50</u>
Oliver	<u>\$13.00</u>	<u>\$37.00</u>
Raptor	<u>\$14.40</u>	<u>\$46.50</u>
Ray Symmonds	<u>\$16.10</u> 12.00	<u>\$52.10</u> 39.00
Speyers	<u>\$14.40</u> 13.00	<u>\$46.50</u> 42.00
Star Crest	<u>\$11.70</u> 10.00	<u>\$52.70</u> 45.00
Stein	<u>\$11.40</u> 10.00	<u>\$33.10</u> 29.00
Wendt	<u>\$16.90</u> 12.00	<u>\$45.20</u> 32.00
Wisacre	<u>\$14.40</u> 13.00	<u>\$39.90</u> 36.00

(g) Ready to serve charges and flat rate monthly service charges shall not apply when water service is suspended following disconnection for nonpayment of delinquent charges or when suspension of service is requested by the customer, if the disconnection or suspension is for an entire billing cycle, and if the connection is not on a small satellite water system with 14 or less ~~than 9~~ connections.

(Ord. 9-2007 § 29, 2007; Ord. 9-2001 § 1, 2001; Ord. 7-1998 § 1, 1998; Ord. 4-1985 Mod. 4 § 4.02, 1994).

Section 3. Section 12.08.340 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled "Water consumption charges" shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.340 Water consumption charges.

(a) For water delivered based upon monthly meter readings or estimated water consumption, the water consumption charge shall be computed at the following rates per one hundred cubic feet or prorated to portions thereof of water consumption. Rates shown below are current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Water System	Rate Per 100 Cubic Feet	
Buena water system.....	\$ <u>1.050-75</u> /100cf	
Terrace Heights water system.....	\$ <u>1.581-07</u> /100cf (first 1000cf)	
	<u>1.751-19</u> /100cf (second 1000cf)	
	<u>1.921-31</u> /100cf (over 2000cf)	
	2008 2009	
Gala Estates water system.....	\$ 2.25/100cf \$ 2.60/100cf (first 1000cf)	
	2.50/100cf 2.90/100cf (second 1000cf)	
	2.90/100cf 3.30/100cf (over 2000cf)	
<u>Gala Estates water system.....</u>	<u>\$ 3.70/100cf (first 1000cf)</u>	
	<u>4.12/100cf (second 1000cf)</u>	
	<u>4.71/100cf (over 2000cf)</u>	
	2008 2009	
Crewport water system.....	\$ 0.40/100cf \$ 0.60/100cf (first 1000cf)	
	0.50/100cf 0.70/100cf (second 1000cf)	
	0.60/100cf 0.80/100cf (over 2000cf)	
Crewport water system.....	\$ 0.71/100cf (first 1000cf)	
	0.83/100cf (second 1000cf)	
	0.95/100cf (over 2000cf)	

Oliver Drive Water System..... \$ 1.00/100cf

(b) Consumption charges for small water systems not listed above in Section 12.08.340(a) with 14 or less than 9 connections shall be computed based on bi-monthly service meter readings if the source meter at the well indicates the source is producing more than allowed for an exempt well (5,000 gallons per day). Consumption charges shall not apply if the well is producing less than 5,000 gpd.

When applicable, water consumption charges for small water systems with 14 or less than 9 connections shall be computed at the rate of one dollar (\$1.00) per one hundred cubic feet, or prorated to portions thereof, for water consumption in excess of the volume included in the minimum ready to serve charge.

Water System	Volume Included in Ready to Serve Charge
Beckon Ridge	2,500 cf
Bittner	5,010 cf
Bonair	3,340 cf
Buchanan (Canyon Creek)	2,500 cf
Fairway Estates	2,500 cf
Gibson	3,340 cf
Heysman	2,500 cf
Huntzinger	5,010 cf
Kodiak	2,500 cf
Meadowbrook	3,340 cf
Nagler	2,860 cf
<u>Norman</u>	<u>2,500 cf</u>
<u>Oliver</u>	<u>0 cf</u>
<u>Raptor</u>	<u>3,340 cf</u>
Ray Symmonds	3,340 cf
Speyers	2,860 cf
Star Crest	6,680 cf
Stein	2,500 cf
Wendt	2,500 cf
Wiseacre	2,860 cf

(Ord. 9-2007 § 30, 2007: Ord. 9-2001 § 2, 2001: Ord. 7-1998 § 2, 1998: Ord. 4-1985 Mod. 4 § 4.03, 1994).

Section 4. Section 12.08.345 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled “Fire protection service charge” shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.345 Fire protection service charge.

A monthly fire protection service charge shall be paid to the county for fire protection service received from the domestic water system when the fire protection service is delivered from a private unmetered water line. The minimum monthly fire protection service charge for the Terrace Heights and Buena water systems shall be in accordance with the following table. The amounts shown below are current 2015 charges adjusted annually in accordance with Section 12.08.395 of this Code.:

Private Water Line Size	Terrace Heights and Buena Water System Fire Protection Service Charge
2".....	\$ <u>37.00</u> 26.00
3".....	<u>86.00</u> 59.00
4".....	<u>155.00</u> 106.00
6".....	<u>346.00</u> 236.00
8".....	<u>615.00</u> 420.00
10".....	<u>960.00</u> 656.00

(Ord. 9-2007 § 31, 2007: Ord. 9-2001 § 3, 2001: Ord. 4-1985 Mod. 4 § 4.04, 1994).

Section 5. Section 12.08.395 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled "Annual charge adjustment" shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.395 Annual charge adjustment.

~~Ready to serve charges, consumption charges, and fire protection service charges shall be adjusted annually up to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for water and sewerage maintenance in the closest applicable area. Adjustments shall be effective as of October 15th each year, and shall be based on increases in the CPI for the previous calendar year.~~

The public services director shall annually determine a water system's financial ability to meet its annual operating expenses and required fund reserves in comparison to the system's annual revenue received from the system's ready to serve charges, consumption charges, and fire protection service charges. The Public Services Director's findings will be presented to the Board of Yakima County Commissioners on or before September 1st of each year. The findings shall include a recommendation for any charge adjustment deemed necessary for a system to meet its annual operating expenses and required system fund reserves.

The Board of Yakima County Commissioners may adjust by resolution a system's ready to serve charges, consumption charges, and fire protection service charges annually up to the seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics for water and sewerage maintenance in the

closest applicable area. Such adjustments shall be effective as of January 1st of each year, and shall be based on increases in the CPI for the previous calendar year.

(Ord. 9-2007 § 36, 2007; Ord. 9-2001 § 6, 2001).

Section 6. Section 12.08.474 of the Yakima County Code and Ordinance 9-2007, entitled "Suspension of service - Exceptions" shall be amended to read as follows:

12.08.474 Suspension of service -- Exceptions.

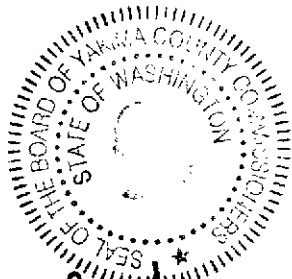
Suspension of service for nonpayment shall only apply to customers in which the total unpaid charges are more than \$20050.

(Ord. 9-2007 § 45, 2007).

Section 7. All Sections not amended above shall remain unchanged.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall be effective as of the first day of the month following adoption of this ordinance.

ADOPTED this 20th day of October, 2015



Tiera L. Girard

Attest: Tiera L. Girard
Clerk of the Board

J. Rand Elliott, Chairman

Michael D. Leita, Commissioner

Kevin J. Bouchey, Commissioner
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for Yakima County, Washington*