

ORDINANCE NO. O-2015-2

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING O-2014-3 AND ADOPTING A NEW SCHEDULE OF CHARGES, FEES AND RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Maynardville (the “City”) operates a utility system which provides water and wastewater services to the residents of the City and the service area outside the corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City is required pursuant to state law and its covenants with the holders of its water and wastewater bonds and other obligations to set its rates at a level sufficient to fund its operations, debt service and depreciation on its facilities and equipment related to its utility operations; and

WHEREAS, to comply with its obligations the City, acting through its Board of Commissioners, desires to establish charges, fees and rates for water and wastewater services. Effective date of new schedule of charges, fees and rates is as set forth in this Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF MAYNARDVILLE:

SECTION 1: Ordinance O-2014-3 is hereby amended in its entirety and a new schedule of charges, fees and rates are established as set forth below.

SECTION 2: Schedule of charges, fees and rates.

Water Rates

The water service charge shall be calculated using that rate schedule which is on file in the office of the City Recorder. Each year in April, the water rate charges shall increase by 3% unless there is a recognized need to increase beyond the 3% to meet the financial obligations of the utility, and in furtherance thereof, the Board of Commissioners shall have the right, but not the requirement in April of each year to vote as to whether there is a need to increase the rates by 3% or above, or whether there is no need to increase for that year. If no action is taken by said Board of Commissions, then the water rate charges shall increase by said 3%. The above described said rate schedules which are on file

in the office of the City Recorder shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect all rate changes. All rates changes shall be effective on July 1st of each calendar year.

COMMODITY CHARGES

SEE TABLE AVAILABLE IN CITY RECORDER'S OFFICE

In addition to the Commodity Charge specified in the rate table available at City Hall, there shall be an additional monthly charge for meters larger than 5/8" as provided in the following schedule.

Additional Monthly Service Charge per Connection for Meters Larger than 5/8":

In Inches	Inside City	Outside City
¾	6.00	8.00
1	13.00	15.00
1 1/2	23.00	27.00
2	37.00	44.00
3	75.00	90.00
4	130.00	156.00
6	292.00	350.00
8	518.00	622.00
10	793.00	952.00
12	1177.00	1414.00

Wastewater Rates

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The wastewater service charge shall be calculated using that rate schedule which is on file in the office of the City Recorder. Each year in April, the wastewater rate charges shall increase by 3% unless there is

a recognized need to increase beyond the 3% to meet the financial obligations of the utility, and in furtherance thereof, the Board of Commissioners shall have the right, but not the requirement in April of each year to vote as to whether there is a need to increase the rates by 3% or above, or whether there is no need to increase for that year. If no action is taken by said Board of Commissions, then the wastewater rate charges shall increase by said 3%. The above described said rate schedules which are on file in the office of the City Recorder shall be adjusted accordingly to reflect all rate changes. All rates changes shall be effective on July 1st of each calendar year.

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Meter Tap Fees:

5/8"	\$900
3/4"	\$900
1"	\$900
1 1/2"	\$900
2"	\$900
3"	\$900
4"	\$900
6"	\$900
2" fire line	\$900
4" fire line	\$900
6" fire line	\$900
8" fire line or greater	\$900

In addition to the above tap fees, for all meter sizes above 3/4" the customer shall also be responsible for the payment of the cost of the meter, labor and materials, road crossing (bores) and all appurtenances as necessary to complete the connection. All required fees and costs are due and payable in full upon application for service.

New account Utility Service Fee and Reconnection fee and Leak adjustments:

- A. The Utility service fee for new accounts shall be \$75.00 for residential and \$200.00 for non-residential.
- B. The reconnection fee for service accounts which have been terminated due to delinquent payments as set forth in this ordinance shall be \$50.00.
- C. If any customer requires a utility service connection or reconnection after 3:00 PM on the same day that such request for utility service connection or reconnection is made an additional fee of \$25.00 shall be paid in addition to the utility service connection or reconnection fee set forth above.
- D. i. Leaks that are verifiable by our radio read metering system are eligible for a once per year (12 month cycle) leak adjustment. All leaks shall be adjusted on a 50/50 basis for usage above the customers six month usage average.
- ii. Any leak which is proven to have occurred during a single billing cycle or which first occurred and then continued into the next consecutive billing cycle (anything over two consecutive cycles cannot be adjusted) and which is proven by the radio read meter profiling system or such method as approved by the City the Maynardville to be a continuation of the same leak can be adjusted on the 50/50 basis as described in D i. above and if after such adjustment the amount due exceeds \$500.00 or more then said amount exceeding \$500.00 or more can be paid in six equal and consecutive monthly installments due on the 10th of each month with the current and regular bill balance to also be paid as provided for in this ordinance. The ten percent penalty added on all past due balances per existing city policy shall also be added to the adjusted balance due subject to the installment payment plan. Penalties associated with the original leak (even if leak crosses two consecutive billing cycles) will be allowed to be assessed by the cities billing system and subsequent penalties related only to installment payment plan balances shall be adjusted. Failure to timely and properly pay each installment when due shall result in the termination of the payment plan and the entire balance due under the installment plan becoming due and payable in full on the next business day which immediately follows the day on which the installment payment was due and payable. Any payments which are due under the installment plan and which have not been timely paid as provided for herein shall subject the account holder to immediate termination of their utility services and all reconnection fees shall be applicable before service is reestablished.

Pressure Check Fee:

\$20.00 water spigot pressure check.

Meter Check Fee:

\$30.00 to pull meter profile at customer request more than once per 12 month cycle.

Private Fire Service Charges:

In connection privately owned automatic sprinklers or hose outlets, MUD provides water service to any residential, commercial or industrial customer; the private fire service charge shall be comprised of the additional monthly charge for meters larger than 5/8" plus the customer's monthly usage.

Method of Payment for All Current and Past-Due Service Accounts:

All service accounts (except for payments being made under the leak installment payment plan described above) shall be due in full by the 10th day of the month. Except for those payments being made under the leak installment payment plan described above, no service accounts shall be allowed to carry a delinquent or past due balance past the due date of the current monthly billing cycle. Except for those payments being made under the leak installment payment plan described above, the service account balance shall be due and paid in full by the 10th day of the month. With the exception of those payments being made under the leak installment payment plan described above, any and all other service accounts with outstanding, past due or delinquent balances shall be disconnected on the 4th Monday of the month if any outstanding, past due or delinquent balances have not been paid in full before the said 4th Monday of the month. All service which has been disconnected or terminated for the reasons set forth in this paragraph shall not be reconnected or restored until all service account balances have been paid in full and the required reconnection fee has also been paid in full.

Backflow Inspection Fee:

Yearly backflow inspection fees shall be charged at the minimum rate of seventy five dollars (\$75.00) plus all charges assessed to the City by all others assisting with yearly backflow inspection.

PLANS REVIEW FEE SCHEDULE

Water line review in subdivisions with hydraulics provided:

Initial review 150.00/sheet

Follow up review 80/sheet

Water line review in subdivision without hydraulics provided:

Initial Review \$125.00 /sheet/hourly

Rate to develop hydraulics of \$80.00/hour if development is within bounds of current model hydraulic can be developed for a lump sum of \$350.00

Any follow up would be charged at \$80.00/hour.*

Sewer reviews of subdivisions 200% of water line fee

*Follow up service is required to provide a second review if problems are pointed out in the initial submittal.

Section 3: All previous ordinances of the City of Maynardville regarding schedules of charges, fees and rates for water and wastewater services are modified to comply with the terms and provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4: This ordinance and the charges, fees and rates provided herein shall take effect April 14th, 2015, the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed First Reading _____

Passed Second Reading _____

H.E. Richardson, Mayor

Attest:

Gina Singletary, Recorder

Approved as to form:

Darryl W. Edmondson, City Attorney