

ORDINANCE NO. 2655

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS AMENDING CHAPTERS
3.52, 3.53, 13.12 and 13.16 OF THE REDLANDS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Utilities Advisory Committee, a committee established and appointed by the City Council of the City of Redlands ("this City Council"), and City staff, have recommended to this City Council that revisions to the City's water rates and charges are necessary to recover the reasonable costs the City incurs by providing water service to its customers and meeting the operating expenses of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided written notice by mail of the date, time and place of a public hearing on the proposed rates and charges to the record owner, and tenants, of each parcel of property on which the rate or charge is to be imposed, the specific amount of the rate or charge, the reason for the rate or charge, and the basis upon which the rate or charge was calculated; and

WHEREAS, at a duly noticed public hearing, held not less than 45 days after the mailing of notice of the proposed rates and charges, verbal and written testimony was presented to this City Council relating to the proposed revisions in the City's rates and charges for water service; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing on the proposed rates and charges, this City Council considered all protests against such rates and charges and determined that written protests against the rates and charges were not presented by a majority of owners of the parcels upon which the rates and charges are to be imposed;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDLANDS DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3.52.040 of the Redlands Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"3.52.040 Water Service Rate Schedule:

Amounts of charges are set out in Table 3.52.040 of this section.

Table 3.52.040

WATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

BI-MONTHLY RATES

POTABLE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 8, 2007.

A. WATER USAGE CHARGE:

1. Building Water Use:

Inside City Customer

First 1500 cubic feet:	\$.59/100 cubic feet
Over 1500 cubic feet:	\$1.02/100 cubic feet

Outside City Customer

First 1500 cubic feet:	\$.60/100 cubic feet
Over 1500 cubic feet:	\$1.05/100 cubic feet

2. Non-building Water Use:

Inside City Customer	\$1.02/100 cubic feet
Outside City Customer	\$1.05/100 cubic feet

B. WATER SERVICE CHARGE:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPONENT	INSIDE CITY CUSTOMERS TOTAL WATER SERVICE CHARGE ^{1,2}	OUTSIDE CITY CUSTOMERS TOTAL WATER SERVICE CHARGE ^{1,2}
5/8	\$ 4.70	\$19.20	\$22.00
3/4	\$ 4.70	\$25.80	\$28.60
1	\$ 4.70	\$38.60	\$43.06
1 1/2	\$ 4.70	\$69.70	\$78.10
2	\$ 4.70	\$103.10	\$115.80
3	\$ 4.70	\$178.50	\$200.90
4	\$ 4.70	\$275.60	\$310.60
6	\$ 4.70	\$508.70	\$574.00
8	\$ 4.70	\$749.60	\$846.70

¹ Prior agriculture irrigation customers are charged the customer service component of the water service charge only.

² Customers who enter into an interruptible water service agreement with the City are charged the customer service component of the water service charge only.

C. FIRE PROTECTION WATER SERVICE CHARGE:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPONENT	INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY CUSTOMERS TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION WATER SERVICE CHARGE
2,3,4	\$ 4.70	\$36.80
6	\$ 4.70	\$48.32
8	\$ 4.70	\$65.44
10	\$ 4.70	\$100.14
12	\$ 4.70	\$133.12

D. FIRE HYDRANT CONSTRUCTION WATER SERVICE:

Water Usage Charge;	\$1.02/100 cubic feet
Monthly Water Service Charge:	\$50.00
Fire Hydrant Construction Meter Pre-Payment: ^{1, 2}	\$1,200

¹ Repairs to damaged fire hydrant construction meters shall be charged at prevailing time and material rates to repair the meter.

² Lost or stolen fire hydrant construction meters shall be charged a \$1,200 replacement charge.

E. WATER METER INSTALLATION CHARGE:

¾ inch	\$175.00
1- inch	\$225.00
1 ½ - inch	\$430.00
2 – inch	\$595.00

F. OUTSIDE CITY SERVICE REVIEW: \$50.00/unit, \$500.00 maximum

G. MISCELLANEOUS FEES:

After-Hours Request for Turn-on Service (Stand-By Call)	\$60.00
Broken Angle Meter Stop	\$75.00
Broken Lock	\$15.00
Remove Meter After Illegal Turn-On	\$50.00
Remove Straight Connection	\$75.00
Cut Service at Main	Time and Materials
Water Meter Test Charge	\$40.00, plus cost of new meter
Turn-Off for Non-Payment	\$40.00
Re-Check After Turn-Off for Non-Payment	\$20.00
Returned Check	\$26.00
Check-By-Phone	\$6.00
Establish New Municipal Services Account	\$15.00
Failure To Notify Change of Ownership	\$35.00
Request for Same Day Water Turn-On After 4:00 p.m.	\$20.00
Obstructed Meter Resulting in an Estimated Read or Re-Read Trip	\$15.00
Submittal To Collection Agency	40% of outstanding balance submitted for collection action
Unauthorized Fire Protection Water Usage	\$40.00, plus full non-fire protection meter service charge and any applicable wastewater charge at the prevailing rate
Unauthorized Fire Hydrant Connection	\$150.00, plus estimated water usage charge at the prevailing usage rate

POTABLE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008.

A. WATER USAGE CHARGE:

1. Building Water Use:

Inside City Customer

First 1500 cubic feet:	\$.63/100 cubic feet
Over 1500 cubic feet:	\$1.10/100 cubic feet

Outside City Customer

First 1500 cubic feet:	\$.64/100 cubic feet
Over 1500 cubic feet:	\$1.13/100 cubic feet

2. Non-building Water Use:

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B. WATER SERVICE CHARGE:

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5/8	\$ 4.70	\$20.54	\$23.34
3/4	\$ 4.70	\$27.62	\$30.42
1	\$ 4.70	\$41.30	\$45.76
1 1/2	\$ 4.70	\$74.58	\$82.98
2	\$ 4.70	\$110.32	\$123.02
3	\$ 4.70	\$191.00	\$213.40
4	\$ 4.70	\$294.90	\$329.90
6	\$ 4.70	\$544.32	\$609.62
8	\$ 4.70	\$802.08	\$899.18

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METER SIZE (INCHES)	CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPONENT	INSIDE AND OUTSIDE CITY CUSTOMERS TOTAL FIRE PROTECTION WATER SERVICE CHARGE
2,3,4	\$ 4.70	\$39.37
6	\$ 4.70	\$51.70
8	\$ 4.70	\$70.02
10	\$ 4.70	\$107.14
12	\$ 4.70	\$142.43

D. FIRE HYDRANT CONSTRUCTION WATER SERVICE:

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Monthly Water Service Charge: \$50.00
Fire Hydrant Construction Meter Pre-Payment:^{1,2} \$1,200

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Section 2. Section 3.53.020 of the Redlands Municipal Code relating to non-potable water service rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sections:

3.53.020 Non-Potable water service rate schedule:

Amounts of charges are set out in Table 3.53.020

Table 3.53.040

NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICE RATE SCHEDULE

BI-MONTHLY RATES

NON-POTABLE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE MARCH 8, 2007.

A. NON-POTABLE WATER USAGE CHARGE:

Non-potable water usage charges shall be based on both a capital recovery component and ongoing operations and maintenance costs. The period for capital recovery for each non-potable delivery system shall be determined to provide adequate incentives for customers to convert to non-potable water for irrigation. Any loans from the water fund to the non-potable water fund shall be repaid with interest.

B. NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPONENT	TOTAL NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE
3/4	\$ 4.70	\$12.90
1	\$ 4.70	\$19.30
1 1/2	\$ 4.70	\$34.85
2	\$ 4.70	\$51.55
3	\$ 4.70	\$89.25
4	\$ 4.70	\$137.80
6	\$ 4.70	\$254.35
8	\$ 4.70	\$374.80

NON-POTABLE WATER RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2008.

A. NON-POTABLE WATER USAGE CHARGE:

Non-potable water usage charges shall be based on both a capital recovery component and ongoing operations and maintenance costs. The period for capital recovery for each non-potable delivery system shall be determined to provide adequate incentives for customers to convert to non-potable water for irrigation. Any loans from the Water Fund to the Non-Potable Water Fund shall be repaid with interest.

B. NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE:

METER SIZE (INCHES)	CUSTOMER SERVICE COMPONENT	TOTAL NON-POTABLE WATER SERVICE CHARGE
¾	\$ 4.70	\$13.81
1	\$ 4.70	\$20.65
1 ½	\$ 4.70	\$37.29
2	\$ 4.70	\$55.16
3	\$ 4.70	\$95.50
4	\$ 4.70	\$147.45
6	\$ 4.70	\$272.16
8	\$ 4.70	\$401.04

Section 3. Subsection 13.12.010 D of the Redlands Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“D. Water main frontage charge per foot shall be: 6-inch non-potable water main – twenty-three dollars, 8-inch potable water main - thirty dollars, and 12- inch potable – forty-six dollars.”

Section 4. Subsection 13.12.020 of the Redlands Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Section 13.12.020 Due date.

A. The City may use a unified billing system for City-provided services. The charges for water, wastewater, and refuse service, or any other City provided services, may be billed on one bill and collected as one item. Failure to pay the amount due in full for any of the services may result in the discontinuation of water services.

B. All bills and charges for service shall be due and payable upon presentation and shall become delinquent twenty-four days thereafter. If the bill is not paid on, or prior to, said due date, the billing shall be considered delinquent and a late charge shall be levied upon the unpaid balance as follows:

1. For any account with an unpaid balance, a one-time charge of ten percent (10%) of the unpaid balance shall be assessed.

2. This charge shall be due and payable immediately upon accrual.
- C. Service may be discontinued upon written notice required by law if payment of all charges is not made prior to the date such service becomes delinquent.
- D. If any owner or agent pays for water service on more than one property or unit, service may be discontinued on all properties for failure to pay on any one property. Procedures and charges for restoration of service are set forth in Section 3.52.040 and 13.12.050 of this Code.
- E. Failure to receive a bill shall not relieve the consumer of liability. Any amount due shall be deemed a debt to the City, and any person, firm or corporation failing, neglecting or refusing to pay said indebtedness shall be liable in a civil action brought by the City in any court of competent jurisdiction for the amount thereof.
- F. In addition to any other remedies it may have for the collection of delinquent accounts, the City may cause notice of a hearing on delinquent accounts in accordance with Government Code Sections 25831 and 38790.1. Such notice shall be mailed to property owners listed as delinquent accounts not less than ten days prior to the date of the hearing. At the hearing, the City Council shall hear any objections or protests of such property owners. The City Council may make such revision, corrections or deletions to the report of delinquent accounts as it deems just, after which, by resolution, the report shall be confirmed. The delinquent charges set forth in the delinquent account report may be placed as a lien on such properties for the amount of such delinquent charges plus legal fees and administration costs. A certified copy of the confirmed report shall be filed with the City Clerk for the current tax roll. The lien created attaches upon recordation, in the office of the County Recorder, of a certified copy of the resolution of confirmation. All laws applicable to the levy, collection and enforcement of City ad valorem property taxes shall be applicable to such liens."

Section 5. Section 13.16.030 of the Redlands Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

"Section 13.16.030 Meter Testing.

When the accuracy of a water meter is questioned, the City, upon request of the customer, will cause an official test of the meter to be made for a charge as set forth in Section 3.52.040 of this Code. The meter will be tested on variable rates of delivery and if the average registration is more than two percent (2%) in excess of the actual quantity of water passing through the meter, the division shall refund to the customer the overcharge based upon the test, for the prior twelve (12) months, unless it can be shown that the error was due to some cause for which the date can be fixed. In the latter case, the overcharge shall be computed back and not beyond such times. In the event the accuracy of the meter is determined to be in error, than all testing and meter replacement charges shall be at the City's expense."

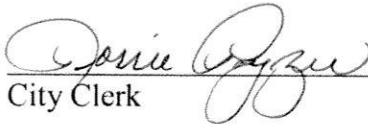
Section 6. This City Council hereby finds and determines that the City's establishment and/or modification of the rates and charges approved by this ordinance is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and CEQA Guidelines Section 15273, because such rates and charges are necessary for meeting operating expenses of the City.

Section 7. The Mayor shall sign this ordinance and the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause it, or a summary of it, to be published once in the Redlands Daily Facts, a newspaper of general circulation within the City, and thereafter, this ordinance shall take effect as provided by law.



Mayor of the City of Redlands

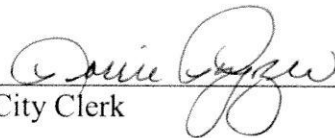
ATTEST:



City Clerk

I, Lorrie Poyzer, City Clerk, City of Redlands, hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the City Council at the regular meeting thereof, held on the 7th day of February, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gilbreath, Gil, Gallagher, Aguilar; Mayor Harrison
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



City Clerk