

Ordinance 6201

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR  
THE CITY'S WATER UTILITY BY AMENDING CHAPTER 13.08  
OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates a water utility that provides high quality drinking water to the citizens of Rapid City and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the City has enacted ordinances that prescribe the rates, fees, and charges that are applicable to customers of the City's water utility; and

WHEREAS, the City has undertaken a comprehensive rate study to determine the appropriate rates to fund the costs of providing water service to its customers; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive rate study has not been undertaken since 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to set the appropriate rates, fees, and charges, as recommended by the rate study, by resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.120 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**13.08.120 Tapping—Fees.**

A. At the time of making application for a tapping permit under this chapter, the applicant shall pay to the city Finance Officer or their designee a fee to cover the cost of making the tap upon the water main. ~~as follows:~~ The fee shall be set by resolution of the Common Council.

Tap-Size	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
1-inch tap	\$108	\$119	\$131	\$144	\$158
1-1/2-inch tap	\$72	\$79	\$87	\$96	\$105
2-inch tap	\$72	\$79	\$87	\$96	\$105
Taps in excess of 2 inches, but less than 8 inches	\$300	\$330	\$363	\$399	\$439
Taps of 8 inches or greater	\$360	\$396	\$436	\$479	\$527

B. In addition to the above fees, any person using the service of the machine and the operator shall reimburse the city for any damage done to the equipment. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.310 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

### 13.08.310 Water meter rental.

Anyone renting water meters from the Water ~~Division and Sewer Department~~ will be charged a fee set by resolution of the Common Council. ~~at the following per day 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 6-month period. Any damage to the meter, other than normal wear, will be charged to those renting the meters. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

Meter Size	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
5/8	\$.12	\$.13	\$.14	\$.15	\$.17
3/4	\$.14	\$.16	\$.18	\$.19	\$.21
1	\$.20	\$.22	\$.24	\$.27	\$.30
1-1/2	\$.42	\$.46	\$.51	\$.56	\$.62
2	\$.60	\$.66	\$.73	\$.80	\$.88
3	\$.72	\$.79	\$.87	\$.96	\$1.06
4	\$3.00	\$3.60	\$3.96	\$4.36	\$4.79

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.380 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

### 13.08.380 Remote reading device.

A. All water meters shall be equipped with a remote reading device whereby the meter can be read without entering the building. The device shall be installed by the Rapid City Water ~~Division Department~~ on all water meters, the type of device and the date of installation to be determined by the Director of Public Works. The ~~cost of~~ fee for installing the device shall be set by resolution of the Common Council. ~~payable in the amounts set forth in the table below, which may either be paid in full or in monthly installments which will be billed over a period of 5 months. The first table shows the amount to pay the fee in full and the second table shows the alternative monthly charge. A consumer shall be billed at the monthly rate unless the consumer specifically requests to be billed for the entire amount.~~ The city shall retain ownership of the device, and the device will be under the control of the city's Water ~~Division Department~~ at all times. The device shall be considered as part of the water meter servicing the property and shall not be removed or altered except by employees of the city. Where an outside meter reading device shall be installed for a nonresidential building and the cost of the installation exceeds the established charge, the property owner shall be required to pay an additional charge which will cover the additional cost of installation. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Total Installation Cost	\$18	\$20	\$22	\$24	\$26
Per Month Installment	\$3.60	\$4.00	\$4.40	\$4.80	\$5.20

B. If the consumer or property owner refuses to grant access to the city to install a remote reading device, the water may be shut off to such property.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.390 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**13.08.390 Testing.**

Upon the written request of any owner or consumer, the Water Division will test the water meter supplying the premises. A fee, as [set by resolution of the Common Council](#), ~~established in the table below~~ will be required before the meter is disconnected. The fee will be returned if the meter is found to be registering in excess of 2% fast, otherwise the deposit will be retained to cover the cost of making the test. If the test of the meter shows that it fails to register correctly within 2%, the Water Division shall make a charge or allow a credit in proportion to the error, for all water registered in excess of the minimum amounts allowed by the established rates, the same to be retroactive for 3 billing periods only. If the meter is found to be registering within 2%, the meter may be returned to the premises at the Water [Division's](#) ~~Department's~~ discretion. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Testing Fee	\$60	\$66	\$73	\$80	\$88

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.425 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**13.08.425 Connection and service line inspection and new account fees.**

A. ~~The~~ [A](#) service line inspection fee [shall be payable for all new service line installations, which as shown below](#) shall provide an initial field inspection of the private water service line from the curb stop to the structure, mileage, administrative tracking and card drawing. Each additional inspection of the private water service line shall require the payment of a re-inspection fee, ~~as follows:~~ [The inspection and re-inspection fees shall be set by resolution of the Common Council.](#)

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Service Line Inspection Fee	\$65	\$72	\$79	\$87	\$95
Re-Inspection Fee	\$30	\$33	\$36	\$40	\$44

B. A new account charge for accounts within the city limits and a new account charge specific to accounts outside the city limits shall be paid for water turn-on service ~~as set forth below~~. A surcharge 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 during normal hours and a surcharge specific to afterhours 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. The new account charges and surcharges described above shall be set by resolution of the Common Council. ~~Such surcharges are set forth below.~~

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>New Accounts within City Limits (Turn-On)</del>	<del>\$25</del>	<del>\$28</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$33</del>	<del>\$37</del>
<del>New Accounts outside City Limits (Turn-On)</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$33</del>	<del>\$36</del>	<del>\$40</del>	<del>\$44</del>
<del>Surcharge After Hours</del>	<del>\$60</del>	<del>\$66</del>	<del>\$73</del>	<del>\$80</del>	<del>\$88</del>
<del>No Access Surcharge—Business Hours</del>	<del>\$17</del>	<del>\$19</del>	<del>\$21</del>	<del>\$23</del>	<del>\$25</del>
<del>No Access Surcharge—After Hours</del>	<del>\$50</del>	<del>\$55</del>	<del>\$61</del>	<del>\$67</del>	<del>\$73</del>

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.430 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

### **13.08.430 Rates prescribed.**

A. Unit rate. 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:~~ The monthly consumption charges for residential, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and leased account users shall be set by resolution of the Common Council. The charge for raw water shall also be set by resolution of the Common Council.

~~1. For water delivered to service lines through mains owned by the city for all residential users:~~

<del>—Starting with the February 2009 water bills</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$2.13</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$2.31</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$2.69</del>
<del>Tier 4</del>	<del>\$3.15</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2010</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$2.34</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$2.53</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$2.95</del>

Tier 4	\$3.45
<del>—Starting in January 2011</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
Tier 1	\$2.55
Tier 2	\$2.75
Tier 3	\$3.19
Tier 4	\$3.71
<del>—Starting in January 2012</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
Tier 1	\$2.83
Tier 2	\$3.03
Tier 3	\$3.47
Tier 4	\$3.99
<del>—Starting in January 2013</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
Tier 1	\$3.11
Tier 2	\$3.32
Tier 3	\$3.77
Tier 4	\$4.31

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~~— 2. Unit sales associated with the tiers shown above are billed according to the following tier structure:~~

~~— a. Single family residential:~~

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Meter Size	Tier 1 (Unit)	Tier 2 (Unit)	Tier 3 (Unit)	Tier 4 (Unit)
5/8	0-10	11-40	41-75	≥75
3/4	0-10	11-40	41-75	≥75
1	0-10	11-40	41-75	≥75
1-1/2	0-10	11-40	41-75	≥75
2	0-10	11-40	41-75	≥75
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-

6	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-

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~~—b. Multi-family residential:~~

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Meter Size	Tier 1 (Unit)	Tier 2 (Unit)	Tier 3 (Unit)	Tier 4 (Unit)
5/8	0-10	11-40	41-75	>75
3/4	0-15	16-45	46-80	>80
1	0-20	21-50	51-85	>85
1-1/2	0-50	51-100	101-150	>150
2	0-100	101-150	151-200	>200
3	0-150	151-200	201-250	>250
4	0-200	201-300	301-400	>400
6	0-200	201-300	301-400	>400
8	0-200	201-300	301-400	>400

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~~—3. For all water delivered to service lines through mains owned by the city for all commercial and industrial users:~~

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<i>Starting with the February 2009 water bills</i>	
Number of Units	Rate per Unit
All Units Used	\$2.21
<del>—Starting in January 2010</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
All Units Used	\$2.44
<del>—Starting in January 2011</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
All Units Used	\$2.68
<del>—Starting in January 2012</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit
All Units Used	\$2.96
<del>—Starting in January 2013</del>	
Unit Tier	Rate per Unit

All Units Used	\$3.22
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41. Commercial and industrial users purchasing water for irrigation use are required to install a separate irrigation meter. ~~For water delivered to service lines through mains owned by the city for all water measured by dedicated irrigation and leased account meters:~~

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<del>—Starting with the February 2009 water bills</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$2.31</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$2.69</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$3.15</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2010</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$2.53</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$2.95</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$3.45</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2011</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$2.75</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$3.19</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$3.71</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2012</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$3.03</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$3.47</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$3.99</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2013</del>	
<del>Unit Tier</del>	<del>Rate per Unit</del>
<del>Tier 1</del>	<del>\$3.32</del>
<del>Tier 2</del>	<del>\$3.77</del>
<del>Tier 3</del>	<del>\$4.31</del>

~~5. Unit sales associated with the tiers shown above are billed according to the following tier structure:~~

~~—Irrigation and leased accounts~~

Meter Size	Tier 1 (Units)	Tier 2 (Units)	Tier 3 (Units)
5/8	0-30	31-65	>65
3/4	0-30	31-65	>65
1	0-30	31-65	>65
1-1/2	0-50	51-100	>100
2	0-50	51-100	>100
3	0-50	51-100	>100
4	0-100	101-200	>200
6	0-100	101-200	>200
8	0-100	101-200	>200

~~62.~~ An advanced payment, which shall be included in the first month's billing, and will be applied as a credit against the final bill, shall be charge for each account as ~~follows:~~ set forth by Resolution.

Meter Size	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
3/4 and smaller	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$36.30	\$39.93	\$43.92
Larger than 3/4	\$120.00	\$132.00	\$145.20	\$159.72	\$175.69

~~73.~~ For water delivered to service lines through ~~the 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.

~~8. Water sold to Ellsworth Air Force Base outside the city shall be negotiated between the city and Ellsworth Air Force Base.~~

~~9. Raw water:~~

At February 2009 bill	\$ .28 per unit
After January of:	-
2010	\$.30 per unit
2011	\$.32 per unit
2012	\$.35 per unit
2013	\$.38 per unit



B. Meter charge. ~~The A~~ monthly meter charge, based on the size of the water meter serving the users and the type of use, shall be paid by the customer served. The total meter charge shall include a charge associated with operating, maintenance, and capital expenses plus a surcharge associated with an environmental fee. The environmental fee surcharge covers the tax imposed by the state on drinking water treatment systems. The meter charge shall be set by resolution of the Common Council for residential, commercial, industrial, irrigation, and leased-account users, shall be as follows:

~~1. A meter charge, based upon the size of the water meter serving the user, shall be paid for by the owner of the premises served. As set forth below, this meter charge shall include a charge associated with operating and debt service expense plus a surcharge associated with an environmental fee. The environmental fee shall be applied to residential, commercial, and industrial accounts only.~~

~~2. The environmental fee surcharge covers the tax imposed by the state as an environmental fee upon drinking water treatment systems.~~

~~a. Residential:~~

<del>Starting with the February 2009 water bills</del>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$6.75	\$.09	\$6.84
3/4	\$7.49	\$.09	\$7.58
1	\$9.12	\$.09	\$9.21
1.5	\$12.66	\$.09	\$12.75
2	\$17.88	\$.09	\$17.97
3	\$38.72	\$.09	\$38.81
4	\$55.07	\$.09	\$55.16
6	\$95.16	\$.09	\$95.25
8	\$144.20	\$.09	\$144.29
<del>Starting in January 2010</del>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$6.92	\$.10	\$7.02
3/4	\$7.68	\$.10	\$7.78
1	\$9.37	\$.10	\$9.47
1.5	\$13.01	\$.10	\$13.11
2	\$18.39	\$.10	\$18.49

3	\$39.85	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$39.95
4	\$56.69	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$56.79
6	\$97.98	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$98.08
8	\$148.50	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$148.60
<i>—Starting in January 2011</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environm-ental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.22	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$7.32
3/4	\$8.02	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$8.12
1	\$9.79	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$9.89
1.5	\$13.61	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$13.71
2	\$19.26	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$19.36
3	\$41.80	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$41.90
4	\$59.48	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$59.58
6	\$102.83	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$102.93
8	\$155.87	\$ <del>.10</del>	\$155.97
<i>—Starting in January 2012</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environm-ental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.22	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$7.33
3/4	\$8.02	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$8.13
1	\$9.79	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$9.90
1.5	\$13.61	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$13.72
2	\$19.26	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$19.37
3	\$41.80	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$41.91
4	\$59.48	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$59.59
6	\$102.83	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$102.94
8	\$155.87	\$ <del>.11</del>	\$155.98
<i>—Starting in January 2013</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environm-ental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge

5/8	\$7.28	<del>\$.11</del>	\$7.39
3/4	\$8.09	<del>\$.11</del>	\$8.20
1	\$9.87	<del>\$.11</del>	\$9.98
1.5	\$13.74	<del>\$.11</del>	\$13.85
2	\$19.44	<del>\$.11</del>	\$19.55
3	\$42.20	<del>\$.11</del>	\$42.31
4	\$60.06	<del>\$.11</del>	\$60.17
6	\$103.85	<del>\$.11</del>	\$103.96
8	\$157.42	<del>\$.11</del>	\$157.53

~~— b. Commercial and industrial:~~

<del>—Starting with the February 2009 water bills</del>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.06	<del>\$.09</del>	\$7.15
3/4	\$9.12	<del>\$.09</del>	\$9.21
1	\$13.30	<del>\$.09</del>	\$13.39
1.5	\$23.50	<del>\$.09</del>	\$23.59
2	\$36.19	<del>\$.09</del>	\$36.28
3	\$69.76	<del>\$.09</del>	\$69.85
4	\$111.58	<del>\$.09</del>	\$111.67
6	\$215.77	<del>\$.09</del>	\$215.86
8	\$341.22	<del>\$.09</del>	\$341.31
<del>—Starting in January 2010</del>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.06	<del>\$.10</del>	\$7.16
3/4	\$9.12	<del>\$.10</del>	\$9.22
1	\$13.30	<del>\$.10</del>	\$13.40
1.5	\$23.50	<del>\$.10</del>	\$23.60
2	\$36.19	<del>\$.10</del>	\$36.29

3	\$69.76	\$.10	\$69.86
4	\$111.58	\$.10	\$111.68
6	\$215.77	\$.10	\$215.87
8	\$341.22	\$.10	\$341.32
<i>—Starting in January 2011—</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.19	\$.10	\$7.29
3/4	\$9.28	\$.10	\$9.38
1	\$13.55	\$.10	\$13.65
1.5	\$23.95	\$.10	\$24.05
2	\$36.90	\$.10	\$37.00
3	\$71.14	\$.10	\$71.24
4	\$113.79	\$.10	\$113.89
6	\$220.06	\$.10	\$220.16
8	\$348.03	\$.10	\$348.13
<i>—Starting in January 2012—</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$7.19	\$.11	\$7.30
3/4	\$9.28	\$.11	\$9.39
1	\$13.55	\$.11	\$13.66
1.5	\$23.95	\$.11	\$24.06
2	\$36.90	\$.11	\$37.01
3	\$71.14	\$.11	\$71.25
4	\$113.79	\$.11	\$113.90
6	\$220.06	\$.11	\$220.17
8	\$348.03	\$.11	\$348.14
<i>—Starting in January 2013</i>			
Meter Size	Monthly Meter Charge	Environmental Fee Surcharge	Final Monthly Meter Charge

5/8	\$7.19	<del>\$.11</del>	\$7.30
3/4	\$9.28	<del>\$.11</del>	\$9.39
1	\$13.55	<del>\$.11</del>	\$13.66
1.5	\$23.95	<del>\$.11</del>	\$24.06
2	\$36.90	<del>\$.11</del>	\$37.01
3	\$71.14	<del>\$.11</del>	\$71.25
4	\$113.79	<del>\$.11</del>	\$113.90
6	\$220.06	<del>\$.11</del>	\$220.17
8	\$348.03	<del>\$.11</del>	\$348.14

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~~— c. Irrigation and leased accounts:~~  
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<del>—Starting with the February 2009 water bills—</del>	
<del>Meter Size</del>	<del>Final Monthly Meter Charge</del>
5/8	\$14.95
3/4	\$17.36
1	\$22.53
1.5	\$34.28
2	\$50.44
3	\$106.66
4	\$158.32
6	\$285.80
8	<del>\$440.77</del>
<del>—Starting in January 2010</del>	
<del>Meter Size</del>	<del>Final Monthly Meter Charge</del>
5/8	\$24.71
3/4	\$28.82
1	\$37.60
1.5	\$57.57
2	\$85.05
3	\$180.62

4	\$268.44
6	\$485.15
8	\$748.62
<i>—Starting in January 2011</i>	
Meter Size	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$41.79
3/4	\$48.85
1	\$63.96
1.5	\$98.30
2	\$145.57
3	\$309.94
4	\$461.00
6	\$833.74
8	\$1,286.90
<i>—Starting in January 2012</i>	
Meter Size	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$60.14
3/4	\$70.38
1	\$92.29
1.5	\$142.08
2	\$210.62
3	\$448.97
4	\$668.00
6	\$1,208.48
8	\$1,865.55
<i>—Starting in January 2013</i>	
Meter Size	Final Monthly Meter Charge
5/8	\$77.88
3/4	\$91.20
1	\$119.67

1.5	\$184.41
2	\$273.51
3	\$583.36
4	\$868.10
6	\$1,570.72
8	\$2,424.92

*C. Water Rate Relief Program.*

1. Residential water users can apply for rate relief on water monthly meter and unit charges. Eligibility for this program is based upon criteria outlined by the State of South Dakota Department of Revenue for the purpose of the Assessments Freeze for the Elderly and Disabled Program (hereinafter “State Program”). The Water Rate Relief Program shall be administered through the city Public Works Department. The Director of Public Works shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures for administration of the program. In order to qualify for the program an applicant must meet the following criteria:

- a. Must either be 65 years of age or older or disabled as defined by the Social Security Act.
- b. Income (applicant’s federal adjusted gross income plus any other income including social security payments) must meet the requirements set by the State Program.
- c. Applicant may own, rent, lease, or have a life estate in the property for which the freeze is applied for. Applicant must physically reside at the property. The water bill must be in the applicant’s name. If the residence has multiple units, but is served by only 1 service line or meter, the residents of the property are not eligible for the program. If each unit has its own meter, the residents may be eligible for the program if they meet the other criteria. If the applicant owns or has a life estate in the property, it must have a fair market value that meets the requirements set by the State Program. If the applicant rents or leases the property the rent or lease payment must be less than \$900 for a single person or less than \$1,200 for a multiple income household.

2. If an applicant qualifies for the program their water and meter rates will be reduced by 20% for a period of 2 years or until the renewal date established by the Public Works Director. The applicant must reapply at least every 2 years, or more frequently as the policies established by the Public Works Director may require. If the fair market value of the applicant’s property or the rent paid by them exceeds the threshold amounts, they can still qualify for the program if they were qualified in the immediately preceding 2 years and remain domiciled in the same residence.

~~—D. The Director of Public Works shall, at the second meeting in May of each year, present to the Council an accounting of the status of the water utility and his or her recommendation regarding changes in the water use charge. If the Council determines that the rate increases according to the table in subsection subsections A and B of this section are not required, it shall resolve that the water rate increase shall be suspended for 1 year. In the years following the year in which the rate freeze was enacted, the rate shall automatically increase to the next higher incremental rate unless the Council resolves otherwise.~~

~~E~~D. No funds collected pursuant to charges imposed by subsections A. and B. of this section shall be spent for other than waterworks expenditures.

~~F. A portion of the funds collected pursuant to charges imposed by subsections A. and B. of this section shall be spent on construction for water system replacement, improvement, and expansion/economic development type projects as defined in § 13.04.010. Funding will be allocated for replacement and improvement type projects in the water construction department 933. Funding will be allocated for expansion/economic development projects in department 934.~~

~~G. Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.450 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**13.08.450 Exception to metered service.**

A. Dedicated fire service lines do not need to be metered provided they are a static system that only uses water in the event of a fire. Residential static fire sprinkler systems do not need to be metered provided they are a static system that only uses water in the event of a fire.

B. *When temporary service approved.* All structures requiring water services shall be metered, the only exception being, where conditions for a metered installation are unacceptable. When such conditions exist, a temporary service may be approved by the Water ~~Division~~ Department. Should a temporary service be approved, such service shall not exceed 180 days from the date of issuance. Should circumstances warrant, the water superintendent may grant extensions 30 days in length.

C. *Application.* Temporary water service accounts may start immediately upon approval by the Water ~~Division~~ Department of the installation of the water service line. The person making application through the Water ~~Division~~ Department or Building ~~Services Division~~ Inspection Department will be required to sign an agreement of responsibility for payment of water account prior to the opening of a temporary water account. The water service line shall not be installed or connected to the city's water system unless the agreement of responsibility for payment of the water account has been signed.

D. *Fee-billing.* The amount charged for a temporary account will be a flat rate as set by resolution of the Common Council. ~~forth in the table below.~~ These charges shall be billed monthly until the meter is installed and a regular water account is established. A meter will only be installed upon approval of the plumbing installation by the City Building ~~Services Division~~ Inspection Department. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Temporary Account Fee	\$25	\$28	\$30	\$33	\$37

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.500 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:



**13.08.500 Failure to pay.**

A. If charges prescribed by this chapter are not paid within 45 days from billing date, the water may be shut off. Ten days prior to terminating the water service, a notice of intent to terminate the service will be mailed to the customer along with the procedures to contest the termination. The water shall not be turned on again until all current and delinquent unpaid charges are satisfactorily resolved, together with a service call charge as set by resolution of the Common Council ~~forth below~~. If such services are requested to be provided outside normal city office hours, a service call charge specific to outside office hours, as set by resolution of the Common Council ~~forth below~~, shall be paid. If a water serviceperson, called upon to shut off the water at a premises, arrives at the premises and the current and delinquent unpaid charges are satisfactorily resolved, together with a service call charge, the water to the premises shall not be shut off. All moneys on account will be credited to the oldest part of the bill first. ~~Unless otherwise provided, the fees for 2014 and all subsequent years shall remain at the level for 2013.~~

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
<del>Service Call Charge</del>	<del>\$30</del>	<del>\$33</del>	<del>\$36</del>	<del>\$40</del>	<del>\$44</del>
<del>Outside Office Hours Service Call Charge</del>	<del>\$50</del>	<del>\$55</del>	<del>\$61</del>	<del>\$67</del>	<del>\$73</del>

B. No person shall turn on the water to any premises from which the water has been turned off as provided for in this section, without written authority from the Water Division.

C. If it is necessary to dig up the curb stop or corporation stop or shut off water for nonpayment of the water bill, the cost of work shall be added to the water bill in addition to all other charges.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Steve Allender, Mayor

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Pauline Sumption, Finance Officer

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