

**AN ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY’S WATER UTILITY BY AMENDING SECTION 13.08.400 OF THE RAPID CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted to it by state law, the City of Rapid City has established and operates a municipal water system; and

WHEREAS, the City’s water utility is funded as an enterprise fund which economically supports itself without the use of the City’s other funds; and

WHEREAS, the funds required to build, operate and maintain the City’s water system are generated solely through the rates and fees charged to the utility’s customers; 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, the Common Council desires to set the appropriate rates, fees, and charges as recommended by the rate study.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Rapid City, that Section 13.08.400 of the Rapid City Municipal Code be and is hereby amended to read in its entirety as follows:

**13.08.400 Rates prescribed.**

A. *Unit rate.* All water taken from the waterworks system shall be metered or accounted for by a method approved by the Public Works Director and shall be paid for monthly by the account holder, based upon monthly meter readings or estimates, at the rates below. Rates are effective as of January 1 of each year, unless otherwise prescribed by Common Council. Rates shall be applied based upon the rate in effect on the billing date, not usage date.

1. For a single-family residential user:

<b>Consumption (units)</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
0—10	\$3.42	\$3.71	\$4.02	\$4.36	\$4.73
11—25	\$3.65	\$3.96	\$4.29	\$4.65	\$5.05
25—50	\$4.15	\$4.50	\$4.87	\$5.29	\$5.73
50+	\$4.74	\$5.14	\$5.57	\$6.04	\$6.56

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
0 - 10	\$5.20	\$5.72	\$6.29	\$6.92	\$7.61
11 - 25	\$5.55	\$6.11	\$6.72	\$7.39	\$8.12
25 - 50	\$6.30	\$6.93	\$7.62	\$8.38	\$9.22
50+	\$7.21	\$7.93	\$8.72	\$9.60	\$10.55

2. For a multi-family residential user:

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
All use	\$3.66	\$3.98	\$4.32	\$4.69	\$5.10

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
All use	\$5.61	\$6.17	\$6.79	\$7.47	\$8.22

3. For a commercial user or an industrial user:

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
All use	\$3.53	\$3.83	\$4.16	\$4.52	\$4.91

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
All use	\$5.40	\$5.94	\$6.53	\$7.18	\$7.90

4. Commercial users and industrial users purchasing water for irrigation use are required to install a separate irrigation meter. For a dedicated irrigation meter:

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
All use	\$4.32	\$4.69	\$5.09	\$5.52	\$6.00

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
All use	\$6.60	\$7.26	\$7.99	\$8.79	\$9.67

5. A meter deposit, which shall be included in the first month's billing and shall be applied as a credit against the final bill, shall be charged for each account as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
3/4" and smaller	\$44.00	\$48.00	\$53.00	\$58.00	\$64.00
Larger than 3/4"	\$176.00	\$194.00	\$213.00	\$234.00	\$257.00

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
<u>3/4" and smaller</u>	<u>\$48.40</u>	<u>\$52.80</u>	<u>\$58.30</u>	<u>\$63.80</u>	<u>\$70.40</u>
<u>Larger than 3/4"</u>	<u>\$193.60</u>	<u>\$213.40</u>	<u>\$234.30</u>	<u>\$257.40</u>	<u>\$282.70</u>

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

7. Raw water:

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
All use	\$0.38	\$0.41	\$0.44	\$0.48	\$0.52

<u>Consumption (units)</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
All use	<u>\$0.57</u>	<u>\$0.63</u>	<u>\$0.69</u>	<u>\$0.76</u>	<u>\$0.84</u>

B. *Meter charge.* 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 account holder. 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 for residential, commercial, industrial, and irrigation users shall be as follows:

1. Single-family residential user:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Meter Size	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5/8"	\$8.08	\$8.76	\$9.51	\$10.31	\$11.18
3/4"	\$8.97	\$9.72	\$10.56	\$11.44	\$12.41
1"	\$10.92	\$11.84	\$12.84	\$13.94	\$15.12
1-1/2"	\$15.15	\$16.44	\$17.85	\$19.36	\$21.00
2"	\$21.39	\$23.21	\$25.21	\$27.35	\$29.67
3"	\$46.31	\$50.25	\$54.60	\$59.24	\$64.28
4"	\$65.86	\$71.47	\$77.66	\$84.26	\$91.44
6"	\$113.80	\$123.50	\$134.20	\$145.61	\$158.02
8"	\$172.45	\$187.15	\$203.37	\$220.67	\$239.48

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
3/4" & Less	\$12.35	\$13.60	\$14.96	\$16.45	\$18.10
1"	\$20.62	\$22.71	\$24.98	\$27.47	\$30.23
1-1/2"	\$41.13	\$45.29	\$49.82	\$54.78	\$60.27
2"	\$65.83	\$72.49	\$79.74	\$87.68	\$96.47
3"	\$123.50	\$136.00	\$149.60	\$164.50	\$181.00
4"	\$205.87	\$226.71	\$249.38	\$274.22	\$301.73
6"	\$411.63	\$453.29	\$498.62	\$548.28	\$603.27
8"	\$658.63	\$725.29	\$797.82	\$877.28	\$965.27

2. Multi-family residential user:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Meter Size	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5/8"	\$8.08	\$8.76	\$9.51	\$10.31	\$11.18
3/4"	\$8.97	\$9.72	\$10.56	\$11.44	\$12.41
1"	\$10.92	\$11.84	\$12.84	\$13.94	\$15.12
1-1/2"	\$15.15	\$16.44	\$17.85	\$19.36	\$21.00
2"	\$21.39	\$23.21	\$25.21	\$27.35	\$29.67
3"	\$46.31	\$50.25	\$54.60	\$59.24	\$64.28
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3. Commercial user or industrial user:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Meter Size	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5/8"	\$7.98	\$8.65	\$9.38	\$10.17	\$11.03
3/4"	\$10.27	\$11.13	\$12.07	\$13.09	\$14.20

1"	\$14.94	\$16.20	\$17.58	\$19.07	\$20.69
1-1/2"	\$26.33	\$28.56	\$30.99	\$33.62	\$36.48
2"	\$40.50	\$43.94	\$47.68	\$51.74	\$56.15
3"	\$77.98	\$84.61	\$91.83	\$99.65	\$108.16
4"	\$124.66	\$135.27	\$146.82	\$159.32	\$172.93
6"	\$240.98	\$261.49	\$283.83	\$308.01	\$334.33
8"	\$381.06	\$413.49	\$448.82	\$487.06	\$528.69

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1"	\$20.62	\$22.71	\$24.98	\$27.47	\$30.23
1-1/2"	\$41.13	\$45.29	\$49.82	\$54.78	\$60.27
2"	\$65.83	\$72.49	\$79.74	\$87.68	\$96.47
3"	\$123.50	\$136.00	\$149.60	\$164.50	\$181.00
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6"	\$411.63	\$453.29	\$498.62	\$548.28	\$603.27
8"	\$658.63	\$725.29	\$797.82	\$877.28	\$965.27

4. Commercial or industrial irrigation user:

<b>Meter Size</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Meter Size	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
5/8"	\$85.28	\$92.53	\$100.40	\$108.93	\$118.19
3/4"	\$99.87	\$108.36	\$117.57	\$127.56	\$138.40
1"	\$131.04	\$142.18	\$154.27	\$167.38	\$181.61
1-1/2"	\$201.93	\$219.10	\$237.73	\$257.93	\$279.86
2"	\$299.50	\$324.96	\$352.60	\$382.56	\$415.08
3"	\$638.79	\$693.10	\$752.05	\$815.94	\$885.30
4"	\$950.59	\$1,031.40	\$1,119.12	\$1,214.20	\$1,317.42
6"	\$1,719.97	\$1,866.19	\$2,024.91	\$2,196.95	\$2,383.71
8"	\$2,655.33	\$2,881.07	\$3,126.12	\$3,391.71	\$3,680.04

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
3/4" & Less	\$97.10	\$106.77	\$117.40	\$129.20	\$142.10
1"	\$162.16	\$178.31	\$196.06	\$215.76	\$237.31
1-1/2"	\$323.34	\$355.54	\$390.94	\$430.24	\$473.19
2"	\$517.54	\$569.08	\$625.74	\$688.64	\$757.39
3"	\$971.00	\$1,067.70	\$1,174.00	\$1,292.00	\$1,421.00
4"	\$1,618.66	\$1,779.86	\$1,957.06	\$2,153.76	\$2,368.81
6"	\$3,236.34	\$3,558.64	\$3,912.94	\$4,306.24	\$4,736.19
8"	\$5,178.34	\$5,694.04	\$6,260.94	\$6,890.24	\$7,578.19

*C. Utility Rate Relief Program.*

1. Residential utility account holders and users can apply for rate relief on monthly utility service charges under the Utility Rate Relief Program. The Utility Rate Relief Program shall be administered through the city Public Works Department. The Public Works Director shall have the authority to establish policies and procedures for administration of the program.

2. 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. The premises must be occupied by the applicant as his or her primary residence.

c. The applicant must be the person who directly or indirectly pays the city utility service charges.

d. Income for all household members from all sources, including employment, social security, pension, and annuity payments must be at or below the “very low income” level for the Rapid City Metro Area as determined annually by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

e. The applicant may own, rent, lease, or have a life estate in the premises. The dwelling unit may be a single-family dwelling, mobile home, or a unit in a duplex or multi-family complex that is served by 1 individually metered service line per unit. Individuals living in a multi-unit residence served by only 1 service line or meter are not eligible.

3. If an applicant qualifies for the program, their utility rates will be reduced by 25% 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.

(Ord. 6573 (part), 2023: Ord. 6443 (part), 2020: Ord. 6271 (part), 2018: Ord. 6149 (part), 2016: Ord. 5870, 2012: Ord. 5794 (part), 2012)

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