

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE REGARDING WATER RATES IN THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS; AMENDING SECTION 32-21 OF THE CITY CODE TO PROVIDE FOR CHARGES TO CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS AND AMENDING CITY CODE SECTION 32-60 REGARDING CONNECTION CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE.**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of St. George Kansas has determined, after review of the costs of providing water service to persons outside of city limits, including the substantial expense of improving water distribution facilities to supply properties outside the City in order to serve housing and commercial properties, that rates and connection costs must reflect the expense presented by these uses.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ST. GEORGE, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. That Section 32-21(a) of the City Code is amended as follows:

- (a) Water rates for City customers shall be as follows:
  - (1) Monthly rates for water for customers within city limits:
    - a. Thirty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents per month base rate for water service, plus an additional amount calculated by the water usage;
    - b. \$3.00 per thousand gallons for water used from 1 to 1,000 gallons;
    - c. \$6.00 per thousand gallons for water used from 1,001 to 5,000 gallons;
    - d. \$7.00 per thousand gallons for water used from 5,001 to 10,000 gallons;
    - e. \$8.00 per thousand gallons for water used from 10,001 gallons and above.
  - (2) Monthly rates for water customers outside of city limits:
    - a. Forty-nine dollars and ninety-five cents per month base rate for water service, plus an additional amount calculated by the water usage;
    - b. \$3.75 per thousand gallons for water used from 1 to 1,000 gallons;
    - c. \$7.50 per thousand gallons for water used from 1,001 to 5,000 gallons;
    - d. \$8.75 per thousand gallons for water used from 5,001 to 10,000 gallons;
    - e. \$10.00 per thousand gallons for water used from 10,001 gallons and above.

SECTION 2. That Section 32-60 of the City Code is amended as follows:

**Sec. 32-60. Connection charge; water.**

- (a) All costs and expenses incident to the installation and connection of water service to a property, wherever located, shall be paid by the owner seeking new or improved services. This includes, but is not limited to, costs and expenses resulting from improvements outside of the property such as expansion of mains, increased line size, extension of mains and distribution lines to new areas, increased water treatment


demands, increased supply needs and the need for additional water facilities to deliver water in accordance with clean water regulations and at appropriate pressure.

- (b) In addition to the actual costs of connection, the owner shall pay a connection charge reflecting the owner's necessary contribution to the overall water system of the City and the costs of actual water meter installation and connection, which shall be \$1,200 per connection within city limits, and \$2,500.00 outside of city limits. No improvements or connections for any property shall commence until the connection fee is paid.
- (c) The City may make such policies and processes as may be necessary to establish a method to estimate costs of extension of service and secure sufficient labor and supplies, based upon the water requirements of the owner, and the owner must comply with the same to obtain service.
- (d) In instances where the City constructs water improvements on property of the owner, the owner shall indemnify and hold harmless the City from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of water facilities.

SECTION 3. All Code sections and Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this 8th day of June 2023.



**TIM PRALLE, Mayor**

**Attest:**



**ELIZABETH WAGONER, City Clerk**

