

ORDINANCE NUMBER 597

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 339 OF SAID CITY, AND SPECIFICALLY AMENDING SECTIONS THIRTEEN, SIXTEEN AND SEVENTEEN OF SAID ORDINANCE NUMBER 339, RELATING TO THE RATES, FEES, AND AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE FOR SERVICE CHANGES CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THE WATERWORKS SYSTEM OF SAID CITY, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NUMBER 579 OF SAID CITY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF HIGHLAND, KANSAS:

SECTION ONE: That Section Seventeen of Ordinance Number 339 of the City of Highland, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION SEVENTEEN: WATER RATE. The minimum monthly charge for water service to any consumer of water in the City of Highland, Kansas, shall be Fifty-Three Dollars (\$53.00). The water rate for consumers outside the corporate limits of the City of Highland shall be the same as for consumers within said City, except that the minimum monthly charge shall be Eighty-Five Dollars (\$85.00). If there is a meter installed on the service line, said charge shall entitle the consumer to use One Thousand (1,000) gallons per month, and all excess gallonage shall be charged for at the rate of Eight Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$8.50) per One Thousand (1,000) gallons, or any part of One Thousand (1,000) gallons, over the minimum. The governing body shall, from time to time, following receipt and report of the water committee, adopt a schedule establishing the number of separate units within structures served by one meter and which do not fit within the normal classifications of family dwelling units, business units or apartments, including, but not limited to, school dormitories. Consumers located in such structures shall be charged the minimum monthly charge for each separate unit and shall be entitled to use up to One Thousand (1,000) gallons per month per unit, with excess gallonage charged for at the aforementioned rate.

SECTION TWO: That Section Thirteen A of Ordinance Number 339 of the City of Highland, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION THIRTEEN A: ADMINISTRATIVE FEE. At the time of making application for water service to the City, or for a change in service, all customers shall be required to pay a non-refundable administrative service charge in the amount of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00). In the case of residential customers, upon payment of said service charge, the City Clerk, in his or her sole discretion, may waive the applicable meter deposit set forth in Section Thirteen hereof.

SECTION THREE: That Section Sixteen of Ordinance Number 339 of the City of Highland, Kansas, is hereby amended as follows with respect to fees assessed for disconnection or discontinuance of service:

- (1) Whenever water service has been discontinued by shutoff due to non-payment or delinquent payment, water service shall not be resumed until payment of all water bills past due, including any penalties or interest added, and upon payment of a reconnection fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00), to be deposited into the appropriate fund of the City treasury.
- (2) Whenever water service has been discontinued by shutoff at the request of the consumer, upon resuming service, a disconnection/reconnection fee of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00), assessed upon reconnection, shall be added to the next billing, to be deposited into the appropriate fund of the City treasury.
- (3) Whenever water service is discontinued by shutoff, but the service line remains connected to the city main and a meter remains in place, the minimum monthly charge shall apply. No charge shall apply if service is discontinued and the landowner has requested removal of the meter; provided, however, in such event, continuing water service shall incur a charge of one-half (1/2) the cost of the installation of a new meter.

SECTION FOUR: That Ordinance Number 579 of the City of Highland, Kansas, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION FIVE: The terms and provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect following publication in the official City newspaper and shall be implemented through billing beginning with usage on and after January 20, 2024.

Passed by the Governing Body and approved by the Mayor of the City of Highland, Kansas, this 10th day of January, 2024.

Charles N. Batchelder, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joann Karn, City Clerk
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