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Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 170-25

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water services and rates; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 27-18. Service fees.

(a) *Service initiation fee.* Each customer shall be charged a service initiation fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) ~~six dollars (\$6.00)~~.

~~(b) *Transfer fee.* All customers requesting transfers of services to a new location will be charged a five dollar (\$5.00) fee.~~

~~(c-b)~~ *Disconnect/reconnect fees:*

- (1) A fee shall be charged to a customer's account when a worker is dispatched to disconnect the customer's water or electric service for nonpayment. The fee shall be thirty dollars (\$30.00) for residential customers and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for all other customers.
- (2) An additional reconnection fee of sixty dollars (\$60.00) shall be charged to a residential customer's account, and an additional reconnection fee of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for all other customers, when the customer requests and receives same day reconnection service or requests and receives reconnection service on a weekend, a city holiday or any other time outside the regular working hours of the water and electric utilities.
- (3) A fee equal to the actual costs of the city shall be charged to all accounts when it is necessary to utilize city forces to physically disconnect sewer

services. Reconnection charges shall also be levied against the affected account on the basis of the actual costs of reconnection.

(d-c) *Minimum monthly charges.* Minimum monthly charges established in this Code for utility services shall be assessed for each location where the utility service is provided. Minimum monthly charges for water services and fixed monthly customer charges for electric services and fixed monthly service charges for sewage service shall be prorated based on the number of days of service received when a customer receives service at a location for less than a complete billing period.

(e-d) Additional charge for KYZ pulse circuit board. If a large or small general service customer requests the installation of a KYZ pulse circuit board into the electric meter for customer's sole use, the customer shall pay a nonrefundable fee of one hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155.00) for the installation of the KYZ pulse circuit board.

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Sec. 27-52. Water service lines—Ownership; application; fees.

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(c) Water service lines to previously unserved properties or to properties previously served by an inadequate or non-city-owned service line within the water utility service area shall be installed upon application and only after all requirements for water main extension and payment have been met. The required fees for connection, tap and meter installation, where applicable, shall be paid at the time of application or may be billed during the normal billing cycle in the month subsequent to the date of application, at the city's option. The city may demand payment in cash.

- (1) System equity charge (applies to all connections) shall be based on meter size under the following schedule:

<i>Size of water meter – Inches</i>	<i>System Equity Charge</i>
$\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$	\$576.00 <u>1,169.00</u>
1.....	576.00 <u>2,923.00</u>
1½.....	1,296.00 <u>5,845.00</u>
2.....	2,303.00 <u>9,352.00</u>
3.....	5,182.00 <u>20,458.00</u>
4.....	9,213.00 <u>43,838.00</u>
6.....	20,729.00 <u>78,908.00</u>

In the case of a multiple-family facility, or multiple commercial facilities, that chooses to install a single water meter, the system equity charge will be the sum of the fees that would have been charged to each unit of the facility, had

each unit been separately metered. In calculating this fee, the department shall take into account the meter size that would have been required to separately meter each unit.

- (2) *Tap fee.* This fee shall be in addition to the system equity charge and meter fee and shall be assessed for each tap made by the department on public water mains. The tap fee will be waived when the only purpose of the tap is for installing a sprinkler system in a structure built before the requirement of fire sprinklers. On each tap, the customer shall be assessed as follows:

<i>Size of Meter</i>	<i>Tap Fee</i>
1-inch – 2-inch residential	\$1,000.00 <u>1,250.00</u>
1½—2-inch or 1-inch commercial	335.00
4-inch and larger <u>commercial</u>	575.00 <u>1,000.00</u>

For all commercial services or connections larger than one (1) inch, the customer shall be responsible for supplying all materials to department specifications, all necessary permits, preparation of the water main so that the tap may be made (including saw cutting of pavement, if required), site excavation, installation of the service line across the street (if required), and all applicable site restoration costs. All excavations under pavement must be restored per City of Columbia, Boone County Public Works, or Missouri Department of Transportation specifications as determined applicable by the director.

- (3) *Meter box and appurtenances fee.* On properties (generally industrial, commercial or multiple-family residential in use) served by private water mains or private water service lines, where one or more water meter is required and the meter box(es) and appurtenances are to be installed by a plumbing, mechanical or general contractor, the meter box(es) and appurtenances shall be furnished by the customer, based on department specifications, and no fees shall be assessed. On properties served by public mains, the customer shall be assessed per meter as follows:

<i>Size of Meter</i>	<i>Meter Box and Appurtenances Fee</i>
5/8-inch	\$450.00 <u>1,200.00</u>
1-inch	450.00 <u>1,200.00</u>

This fee shall be in addition to the system equity charge, tap fee (which shall be assessed if the department taps a public water main and whether or not a valve/stop and valve box are installed) and meter fee. The department may, at its option, provide single or double meter settings per meter box, with no adjustment to the meter box and appurtenance fee.

The customer shall provide and install to department specifications the meter box for meters having inlet and outlet openings larger than one (1) inch in diameter and no fees shall be assessed.

- (4) Meter fee. In addition to the system equity charge, each customer who requests service to previously unserved properties, or to properties where a meter of greater size than the previous meter is required, shall be assessed a meter fee. All meters installed after October 1, 2004 shall be remote-read meters and fees will be as follows:

<i>Size of Meter</i>	<i>Meter Fee</i>
$\frac{5}{8}$ -inch	\$250.00 <u>675.00</u>
$\frac{3}{4}$ -inch	270.00 <u>689.00</u>
1-inch	300.00 <u>710.00</u>

For meters larger than one (1) inch, the meter fee shall be the actual cost of the meter, plus a markup to cover the actual cost of overhead as determined from cost computed at the end of each fiscal year.

Sec. 27-122. Water rates inside city limits—Residential/commercial multiple-family facilities.

(a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to residential customers, commercial multiple family facilities customers, and multiple commercial facilities served with one meter, within the city limits of the city are hereby fixed as follows:

- (1) Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf), inside city limits:

~~All water, beginning with first one hundred (100)~~
~~cubic feet (1 ccf)~~ ~~\$3.22~~

~~Summer water~~ Water usage for residential customers, except commercial multiple-family facilities and multiple commercial facilities served through a single meter:

Usage of zero (0) to one hundred (100) ~~seventy (70)~~ percent
of winter average consumption ~~3.22~~ 2.30
Usage of ~~seventy one (71)~~ to over one hundred (100) ~~seventy~~
~~(170)~~ percent to two hundred (200) percent of winter
average consumption ~~4.44~~ 6.33
Usage exceeding ~~one two hundred (200)~~ ~~seventy (170)~~
percent of winter average consumption ~~6.89~~ 10.20

~~Summer water~~ Water usage for commercial multiple-family facilities, and multiple commercial facilities served through a single meter:

Usage of zero (0) to one hundred (100) ~~seventy (70)~~ percent
of winter average consumption ~~3.22~~ 2.30

Usage of seventy-one (71) to <u>over one hundred (100)</u> seventy (170) percent to <u>two hundred (200)</u> percent of winter average consumption	4.44 <u>6.33</u>
Usage exceeding one two hundred (200) seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption	6.89 <u>10.20</u>

- (2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

$\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch	12.48 <u>14.32</u>
1-inch	20.15 <u>27.46</u>
1½-inch	40.52 <u>51.39</u>
2-inch	61.41 <u>106.27</u>
3-inch	189.99 <u>194.17</u>
4-inch	398.45 <u>363.79</u>
6-inch	850.20 <u>642.05</u>

- (3) ~~Fire flow charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1) and the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), based on meter size for portion of system capacity necessary for providing public fire protection:~~

$\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch	\$1.59
1-inch	1.69
1½-inch	2.44
2-inch	2.63
3-inch	6.31
4-inch	9.75
6-inch	19.51

- (4-3) Backflow prevention charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), and the fire flow charge in subsection (a)(3), is charged when a customer is required to install a backflow prevention device as outlined in section 27-57.

For each backflow device at a customer location \$2.00

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- (b) For water service metered separately for lawn irrigation:

Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf):

Non-summer water usage	\$3.22
Summer water <u>Water</u> usage	6.89 <u>10.20</u>

(c) For water service metered separately for a community food garden: Customers shall be charged at rates provided in section 27-122(a), except that rates for summer water usage shall not exceed the established rate for usage of over one hundred (100) percent to two hundred (200) ~~seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170)~~ percent of winter average consumption.

Sec. 27-122.1. Same—Commercial.

(a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to commercial customers within the city limits who use fifty thousand (50,000) cubic feet (500 ccf) or less per month average during non-summer months are hereby fixed as follows:

(1) Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf), inside city limits:

~~All water, beginning with first one hundred (100)~~
cubic feet (1 ccf) ~~\$3.22~~

~~Summer water~~ Water usage:

Usage of zero (0) to one hundred (100) ~~seventy (70)~~ percent
of winter average consumption ~~3.22~~ 2.30

Usage of ~~seventy-one (71) to over one hundred (100)~~ seventy
~~(170)-percent to two hundred (200) percent~~ of winter
average consumption ~~4.44~~ 6.33

Usage exceeding ~~one two hundred (200)~~ seventy (170)
percent of winter average consumption ~~6.89~~ 10.20

(2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

$\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch ~~12.48~~ 14.32

1-inch ~~20.15~~ 27.46

1½-inch ~~40.52~~ 51.39

2-inch ~~61.41~~ 106.27

3-inch ~~189.99~~ 194.17

4-inch ~~398.45~~ 363.79

6-inch ~~850.20~~ 642.05

(3) ~~Fire flow charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1) and the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), based on meter size for portion of system capacity necessary for providing public fire protection:~~

~~$\frac{5}{8}$ and $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch~~ ~~\$1.59~~

~~1-inch~~ ~~1.69~~

~~1½-inch~~ ~~2.44~~

2-inch	2.63
3-inch	6.31
4-inch	9.75
6-inch	19.51

- (4-3) Backflow prevention charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), and the fire flow charge in subsection (a)(3), is charged when a customer is required to install a backflow prevention device as outlined in section 27-57.

For each backflow device at a customer location \$2.00

- (b) For water service metered separately for lawn irrigation:

Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf):

Non-summer water usage	\$3.22
Summer water <u>Water</u> usage	6.89 <u>10.20</u>

- (c) For water service metered separately for a community food garden: Customers shall be charged at rates provided in section 27-122.1(a), except that rates for summer water usage shall not exceed the established rate for usage of over one hundred (100) percent to two hundred (200) percent ~~seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170) percent~~ of winter average consumption.

Sec. 27-122.2. Same—Large commercial.

- (a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to commercial customers within the city limits who use more than fifty thousand (50,000) cubic feet (500 ccf) per month average during non-summer months are hereby fixed as follows:

- (1) Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf), inside city limits:

All water, beginning with first one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf)	\$3.22
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~~Summer water~~ Water usage:

Usage of zero (0) to <u>one hundred (100) percent</u> seventy (70) percent of winter average consumption	3.22 <u>2.30</u>
Usage of seventy-one (71) to <u>over one hundred (100) percent</u> (170) percent to two hundred (200) percent of winter average consumption	4.44 <u>6.33</u>
Usage exceeding one two hundred (200) percent <u>seventy (170) percent</u> of winter average consumption	6.89 <u>10.20</u>

- (2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

1-inch	20.15 <u>27.46</u>
1½-inch	40.52 <u>51.39</u>
2-inch	61.41 <u>106.27</u>
3-inch	189.99 <u>194.17</u>
4-inch	398.45 <u>363.79</u>
6-inch	850.20 <u>642.05</u>
8-inch	1,407.12 <u>788.73</u>

- (3) ~~Fire flow charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1) and the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), based on meter size for portion of system capacity necessary for providing public fire protection:~~

1-inch	1.69
1½-inch	2.44
2-inch	2.63
3-inch	6.31
4-inch	9.75
6-inch	19.51

- (4-3) Backflow prevention charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), the minimum charge in subsection (a)(2), and the fire flow charge in subsection (a)(3), is charged when a customer is required to install a backflow prevention device as outlined in section 27-57.

For each backflow device at a customer location \$2.00

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SECTION 2. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby further amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 27-21. Discontinuance of service.

(a) No person, except authorized employees of the city, shall disconnect any meter, connect to any meter, or disturb the service lines of any utility without written authorized permission. In the event the city shall discover evidence of tampering with any electric meter, lead in wire from the meter, any water meter, or lines used for water or sewage distribution, or other such line of the utility having the probable effect of rendering actual meter readings inaccurate, or to receive the service of the utility without proper payments, the city shall have the right to discontinue utility service to the customer and

remove its property from the customer's premises. In addition, the water and light director may cause service to be discontinued due to:

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(h) Services to residences will not be disconnected when the temperature is as follows:

- (1) June 1 to September 30: On any day the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. for the following seventy-two (72) ~~twenty-four (24)~~ hour period predicts the temperature will rise above ninety-five (95) degrees Fahrenheit or the heat index will rise above one hundred five (105 degrees) Fahrenheit.
- (2) November 1 to March 31: On any day the National Weather Service local forecast between 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. for the following seventy-two (72) ~~twenty-four (24)~~ hour period predicts the temperature will drop below thirty-two (32) degrees Fahrenheit.

Effort will be made to determine the health status of the person(s) residing on the premises before proceeding with disconnection.

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SECTION 3. The new rates established in Section 1 of this ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2025, provided that rates for monthly charges shall be applied to utility bills beginning with the first cycle billed in October, 2025; the amendments established in Section 2 of this ordinance shall take effect from and after October 1, 2025.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor