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Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 35-20

AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to establish water conservation incentives to water utility customers; amending the FY 2020 Annual Budget by appropriating funds; 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. A new Division 9 under Article III of Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby enacted as follows:

DIVISION 9. WATER CONSERVATION INCENTIVES

Sec. 27-171. Public purpose.

The public purpose of the water conservation incentive programs is hereby defined to be the reduction in the consumption of treated water and the promotion of water conservation, thereby easing demands on the drinking water system, prolonging the useful life of existing water utility infrastructure assets, and providing protection for the environment and conservation of natural resources.

Sec. 27-172. Water conservation incentives authorized.

The city water and light utility is hereby authorized to institute a program of water conservation incentives, subject to the availability of funds for such purposes, for qualified customers of the water utility under the terms and conditions hereinafter established.

Sec. 27-173. Source of funds; how limited.

The water conservation incentives programs shall be instituted and maintained solely from funds within the water and light utility. No general revenue funds, nor any other form of public monies, shall be used by or lent to any private person or business entity under these programs, but rather such funds as are used shall flow from and be guaranteed by the enterprise fund of the water and light utility.

Sec. 27-174. Water conservation reimbursements.

(a) The city hereby establishes the reimbursement programs listed in this section, subject to the availability of funds for such purposes, for qualified customers of the water utility.

(b) The following programs are established to encourage the purchase of approved equipment and approved installations:

(1) Residential Water Conservation.

(2) Commercial Water Conservation.

(c) In order to be eligible for reimbursement, the customer must follow all program guidelines. Projects must be approved by the water and light department before the reimbursement will be awarded.

(d) Reimbursements will not be made in excess of documented expenses.

(e) For purposes of providing water customer reimbursements, the water and light department shall establish policy and criteria for each program with regard to proper proof of purchase and installation of equipment to ensure the integrity of each project. Each proposed project shall be reviewed by the water and light department to ensure that it provides the intended benefits of the program.

(f) Reimbursements exceeding the maximum amount normally allowed under program policies will be conditional on a financial assessment by the water and light department and must be pre-approved by the water and light director. Such reimbursements shall be reported to the water and light advisory board. Policies and procedures are subject to change.

SECTION 2. The FY 2020 Annual Budget adopted by Ordinance No. 024007 is amended by appropriating the sum of \$75,000.00 from the Water Retained Earnings Account No. 5500-35100 in the following amounts to the following accounts:

\$30,000.00	Water Utility Services – Indoor Conservation Refunds Account No. 07030907-505009
\$20,000.00	Water Utility Services – Low to Moderate Income Refunds Account No. 07030907-505010
\$25,000.00	Water Utility Services – Outdoor Conservation Refunds Account No. 07030907-505011

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor

CERTIFICATION: I certify there are sufficient funds available in the Water Retained Earnings Account No. 5500-35100 to cover the above appropriation.

Director of Finance