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AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 27 of the City Code to establish a water rate structure for community food gardens; 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. 27-36. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, whenever any of the following words or terms are used herein, they shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section:

Community food garden. A collectively gardened area located on a lot or lots owned or leased by a property owner's association, homeowner's association, tenant's association, non-profit organization, public agency, or other functionally equivalent entity, which is primarily intended for the purpose of cultivation of fruits and vegetables by individuals, either in individual garden plots or communally, and for noncommercial purposes. Under no circumstances may food grown and cultivated in a community food garden be sold or exchanged for consideration. The designation of an account as a community food garden is subject to the approval of the director upon application by the customer. All community food garden areas shall be separately metered and any water used by the customer shall be solely for the purpose of the cultivation of fruits and vegetables within the designated community food garden area. The director may remove the designation of community food garden from any customer account that does not meet this definition.

Customer. The corporation, association, or individual legally using water or electricity supplied by the department.

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:

...

(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 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 nonsummer non-summer months (October through May) are hereby fixed as follows:

...

(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 seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 20th day of May, 2019.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor