



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: August 2, 2021

Re: Amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water utility rates

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to rates charged by the water utility.

## Discussion

Staff is recommending that Chapter 27 of the City Code be amended to implement a three percent (3%) revenue increase in connection with the August 2018 revenue bond package presented to voters for water utility capital improvements. Included below is a description of the changes to Chapter 27.

### Chapter 27 proposed changes:

Chapter 27 of the City Code governs the charges paid by customers of the water utility. A three percent increase in revenue from water fees is proposed for the Fiscal Year 2022 budget year, with an effective date of January 2022. This increase is related to coverage of bond indebtedness.

Included below is a list of sections proposed to be changed and the changes.

Sec. 27-122 (a) (1) – Water rates inside city limits – residential/commercial multiple-family facilities:

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

- All water, beginning with first one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf) from \$2.86 to \$2.95
- Summer water usage for residential customers, except commercial multiple-family facilities and multiple commercial facilities served through a single meter:
  - Usage of zero (0) to seventy (70) percent of winter average consumption from \$2.86 to \$2.95
  - Usage of seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption from \$4.01 to \$4.13
  - Usage exceeding one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption from \$6.02 to \$6.20



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- Summer water usage for commercial multiple-family facilities and multiple commercial facilities served through a single meter:
  - Usage of zero (0) to seventy (70) percent of winter average consumption from \$2.86 to \$2.95
  - Usage of seventy-one (71) to one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption from \$4.01 to \$4.13
  - Usage exceeding one hundred seventy (170) percent of winter average consumption from \$6.02 to \$6.20

Sec. 27-122 (a)(2) – Minimum charge per month based on meter size will be increased to the following:

5/8 inch and ¾ inch from \$10.00 to \$10.30  
1 inch from \$14.38 to \$14.81  
1 ½ inch from \$28.96 to \$29.83  
2 inch from \$43.05 to \$44.34  
3 inch from \$150.68 to \$155.20  
4 inch from \$333.13 to \$343.12  
6 inch from \$717.50 to \$739.03

Sec. 27-122 (a) (3) – Fire flow charge per month based on meter size for portion of system capacity necessary for providing public fire protection will increase by the following:

5/8 inch and ¾ inch from \$1.59 to \$1.64  
1 inch from \$1.69 to \$1.74  
1 ½ inch from \$2.44 to \$2.51  
2 inch from \$2.63 to \$2.71  
3 inch from \$6.31 to \$6.50  
4 inch from \$9.75 to \$10.04  
6 inch from \$19.51 to \$20.10

Sec. 27-122 (b) –For water service metered separately for lawn irrigation:

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

Non-summer water usage from \$2.86 to \$2.95

Summer water usage from \$6.02 to \$6.20

Sec. 27-122.1(a)(1) – Commercial:

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

- All water, beginning with first one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf) from \$2.70 to \$2.78



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Sec. 27-122.1(a)(2) – Minimum charge per month based on meter size will be increased to the following:

5/8 inch and 3/4 inch from \$10.00 to \$10.30  
1 inch from \$14.38 to \$14.81  
1 1/2 inch from \$28.96 to \$29.83  
2 inch from \$43.05 to \$44.34  
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Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf):  
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Summer water usage from \$6.02 to \$6.20

Sec. 27-122.2(a)(1) – Large commercial:

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4 inch from \$333.13 to \$343.12  
6 inch from \$717.50 to \$739.03  
8 inch from \$1,230.00 to \$1,266.90

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Sec. 27-123.3 (a)(1) – Columbia Regional Airport:

Rates per one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf), Columbia Regional Airport:

- All water, beginning with first one hundred (100) cubic feet (1 ccf) from \$4.217 to \$4.343

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: Increase revenue by three percent, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2021 rate.

Long-Term Impact: Increase revenue by three percent, from fees charged, over Fiscal Year 2021 rate.



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## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Reliable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
01/22/2019	PH1-19 Proposed amendments to Chapter 27 of the City Codes as it relates to water rates.
12/17/2018	R199-18 Setting a public hearing: proposed amendments to Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to water rates.
09/04/2018	R133-18 Declaring the results of the special election held on August 7, 2018
05/21/2018	B93-18 Calling a special election on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 relating to the issuance of Water and Electric System Revenue Bonds

## Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance amending Chapter 27 of the City Code and making effective January 3, 2022.