

ORDINANCE NO. 3250

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 7-901 AND 7-902 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, CONCERNING RATES CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICE

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

SECTION 1. That Section 7-901, be amended to read as follows:

7-901 RESIDENTIAL RATES. The monthly water rates for all users located within the city shall be as follows:

- 1) Monthly Usage Minimum Service Charge.
 - a. Water usage as shown on the January, February and March billing is averaged to determine a water use average for both residential accounts. Usage that falls within this average will be billed at the Base Tier rate as established by ordinance.
 - b. Any usage that exceeds the water use average by 20% (hereinafter "Base Tier Allotment") will be billed at the Conservation Tier rate as established by ordinance for residential accounts. Any customer without an established water use average will be allotted fifty gallons per person per day until a new water use average is established. The water use average shall be recalculated annually after the March billing date.
 - c. All residential usage that exceeds the Base Tier Allotment during times of official "Water Emergency" periods, as defined by Chapter 7, Article 10 will be billed at the Emergency Tier rate for Water Emergency, as established by ordinance.

- 2) Water Rates for Residential Customers. The water rates for residential consumers, and the effective dates of such rates, shall be determined by the governing body and shall be specified in an ordinance authorizing the same, and may be amended by ordinance of the governing body. The following rates are currently in effect at the time of passage of the ordinance from which this section is derived, and shall continue in full force and effect until any new or different rate goes into effect:

- a. Residential Inside City:

Monthly Minimum Charge: \$13.75
Base Tier: \$0.325 per 100 gallons
Conservation Tier: \$0.650 per 100 gallons
Emergency Tier: (declared water emergency only): \$1.30 per 100 gallons

b. Residential Outside City:

Monthly Minimum Charge: \$27.50
Base Tier: \$0.650 per 100 gallons
Conservation Tier: \$1.30 per 100 gallons
Emergency Tier: (declared water emergency only): \$2.60 per 100 gallons

SECTION 2. That Section 7-902, be amended to read as follows:

7-902 COMMERCIAL RATES. The monthly water rates for all users located outside the City shall be as follows:

- 1) Water Rates for Commercial Customers. The water rates for business consumers, and the effective dates of such rates, shall be determined by the governing body and shall be specified in an ordinance authorizing the same, and may be amended by ordinance of the governing body. The following rates are currently in effect at the time of passage of the ordinance from which this section is derived, and shall continue in full force and effect until any new or different rate goes into effect:

a. Commercial Inside City:

Monthly Minimum Charge: \$13.75
0-225,000 gallons: \$0.325 per 100 gallons
225,001 or higher: \$0.275 per 100 gallons
225,001 or higher (declared water emergency only): \$0.300 per 100 gallons

b. Commercial Outside City:

Monthly Minimum Charge: \$27.50
0-225,000 gallons: \$0.650 per 100 gallons
225,001 or higher: \$0.550 per 100 gallons
225,001 or higher (declared water emergency only): \$0.600 per 100 gallons

- c. During times of official "Water Emergency" periods, as defined by Chapter 7, Article 10 commercial, usage will be billed at the Emergency Tier rate for Water Emergency, as established by ordinance.

SECTION 3. Existing Sections 7-901 and 7-902 are hereby repealed. All other sections of Chapter 7, Article 9, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall become effective and in full force from and after its passage, adoption and publication in the official City newspaper with the May 1, 2014 utility bill.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2013.



CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS

By: *Brenda Finn Bowers*
Brenda Finn Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:

Penny Soukup, CMC
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City Clerk