

**ORDINANCE NO. 3266**

**AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDING SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF SECTION 7-901 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS, CONCERNING CONSERVATION AND EMERGENCY TIER WATER RATES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Abilene, with the adoption of Ordinance No. 3250, established a water rate structure designed to promote the conservation of water by water customers;

**WHEREAS**, the City deems it appropriate to temporarily suspend said water rate structure until such time as identified water meter reading issues have been resolved; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intention of the City to reinstate the water rate structure, as established by Ordinance No. 3250, following satisfactory resolution of said issues as an on-going means to promote and encourage water conservation.

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

**SECTION ONE. Suspended: Conservation and Emergency Tier Rates.** The City Manager is hereby authorized to suspend the Conservation Tier and Emergency Tier for residential water customers, as defined by Section 7-901 of the City Code, until such time as the City resolves identified issues with its water meter reading software.

**SECTION TWO. 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 by the governing body. The following rates are currently in effect at the time of passage of this 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:	Suspended
Emergency Tier:	Suspended

**B. Residential Outside City:**

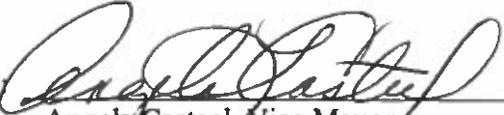
Monthly Minimum Charge:	\$27.50
Base Tier:	\$0.650 per 100 gallons
Conservation Tier:	Suspended
Emergency Tier:	Suspended

**SECTION THREE. Future Consideration.** The City Manager is hereby directed to bring to the City Commission, for review and consideration, an ordinance rescinding this Ordinance and reinstating the provisions of Ordinance No. 3250 at such time as the aforementioned issues related to water utility billing have been resolved to the satisfaction of the City Manager.

**SECTION FOUR. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective and in full force from and after its passage, adoption and publication in the official City newspaper.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Governing Body of the City of Abilene, Kansas this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

**CITY OF ABILENE, KANSAS**

By   
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ATTEST:

  
Penny Soukup, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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