

ORDINANCE 2016-10-035

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON ADOPTING A FLAT RATE FOR WATER SERVICE IN 2017, AMENDING SECTION 15.08.250 OF THE BELLINGHAM MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Washington State Water Supply-Efficiency Requirements Act, the City of Bellingham initiated its mandatory metering program in 2012 by commencing the process of installing water meters on all customer services (approximately 15,000 meters); and

WHEREAS, in 2012, City Council adopted an amended rate structure in Ordinance No. 2012-02-005 that provides for the gradual migration from flat rate charges to metered (consumption based) charges, eliminating the flat rate category altogether at the end of 2016; and

WHEREAS, the schedule for installation of meters and conversion to metered billing is closely tied to the billing cycles, or routes, which are geographic areas within the City; and

WHEREAS, to promote customer convenience and operational billing efficiencies, the change from flat rate billing to metered billing occurs on January 1st of the year following meter installation for all customers within a defined billing route; and

WHEREAS, to maintain consistency, customers in billing route F5, whose meters were or will be installed between June 2016 and April 2017, will need to be billed on a flat-rate basis through the end of 2017 and converted to metered billing beginning January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate flat rate billing through the end of 2017, it is necessary to amend the service rate structure codified in BMC 15.08.250 to establish a flat rate for 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM DOES HEREBY ORDAIN THAT:

Section 1. Section 15.08.250 of the Bellingham Municipal Code is amended as follows:

15.08.250 – Water rates and charges.

A.-C. [UNCHANGED]

D. The following water use rates are:

1.-4. [UNCHANGED]

5. The rates effective January 1, 2017, shall be:

a. Flat Rate (Per Month)

Single-Family Unmetered \$44.43

Unmetered Duplexes \$88.86

ba. Volume Rates (Per ccf)

Single-Family \$1.82

Non-Single-Family
(multifamily, commercial,
institutional) \$1.94

Irrigation \$2.55

Bulk Water Filling
Station \$2.55

cb. Fixed Rates – Single-Family (Per Month)

Meter Size	Fixed Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	\$20.33
3/4" x 3/4"	\$27.97
1"	\$43.24
1.5"	\$81.44
2"	\$127.27
3"	\$249.52
4"	\$387.03
6"	\$769.02


de. Fixed Rates – Non-Single-Family and Irrigation (Per Month).

Meter Size	Fixed Rate
5/8" x 3/4"	\$28.32
3/4" x 3/4"	\$40.39
1"	\$64.53
1.5"	\$124.86
2"	\$197.27
3"	\$390.36
4"	\$607.59
6"	\$1,211.02
8"	\$1,935.11
10"	\$3,021.12
12"	\$4,107.41

6.-9. [UNCHANGED]

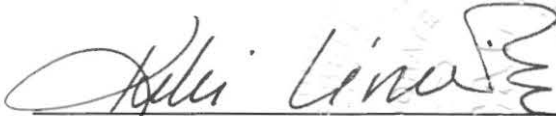
E.-H. [UNCHANGED]

PASSED by City Council this 10th day of October, 2016.




Council President

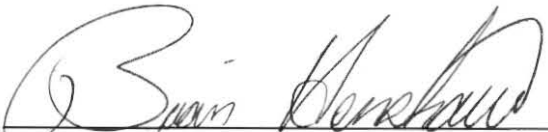
APPROVED by me this 21st day of Oct., 2016.



Mayor



ATTEST:



Finance Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Office of the City Attorney

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