

**AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING WATER DEPOSITS, WATER AND SEWER RATES, COLLECTING DELINQUENT WATER BILLS AND SETTING LEAK ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE CITY OF APPLETON CITY, MISSOURI.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Appleton City, County of St. Clair, State of Missouri, as follows:

**SECTION 1. WATER DEPOSITS:**

All water customers must make a deposit of \$225.00 before water will be turned on at that property.

**SECTION 2. WATER RATES:**

The water rates for users of water from the city water system shall be as follows:

0 to 1,000 gallons.....	\$ 28.33 minimum
1,001 to 2,000 gallons.....	\$ 8.76 per 1,000
2,001 to 5,000 gallons.....	\$ 7.36 per 1,000
5,001 to 10,000 gallons...	\$ 6.40 per 1,000
Over 10,000 gallons.....	\$ 6.01 per 1,000

**SECTION 3. SEWER RATES:**

Sewer rates will be:

0 to 1,000 gallons.....	\$ 22.00 minimum
Over 1,000 gallons.....	\$ 6.50 per 1,000

SECTION 4. A sewer charge will be made whenever sewers are available. Sewers are available to a certain property so long as the sewer is located within 25 feet of said certain properties nearest property line to the sewer line in question and so long as the head of the City sewer and/or water department determines that a sewer hookup is practically and reasonably available to the certain property in question. The sewer does not have to be deep enough to accommodate basement or cellar drains to be considered available.

SECTION 5. Monthly readings for users with more than one meter cannot be combined to a lower water or sewer rate unless for the City's convenience it be deemed more practical to use two or more meters in order to supply the volume of water needed.

SECTION 6. **LEAK ADJUSTMENTS:** If a customer has a leak and uses 50% more than his normal usage based upon a three months average, upon proof of leak having been repaired the extra gallons of water can be billed at cost; however, a sewer adjustment will be made on a water line break only. No sewer adjustment shall be given to any other type of leak. There shall be only one adjustment per year to any service location.

**SECTION 7. DELINQUENT WATER BILLS:**

- a. Water bills are due by the 16<sup>th</sup> day of the month excluding Saturday and Sunday.
- b. If bill is not paid by due date a 10% late fee will be assessed on all unpaid accounts. Service is subject to disconnection if not paid by the 27<sup>th</sup> of the month and a reconnection fee of \$50.00 plus the past due bill must be paid before reconnection.
- c. Reconnections will only be done during normal business hours of the Public Works Department.

SECTION 8. The said rates as herein set out shall be in effect from and after passage of this bill.

SECTION 9. Any person, Firm, Company, Association, Society, Corporation, or any type of other legal entity violating any provision of this Ordinance shall be liable to the City for any expense, loss or damage occasioned by the City by reason of said violation.

SECTION 10. If this Ordinance or any portion of this Ordinance is determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, then the remaining portion shall continue in effect as though the unconstitutional, illegal or invalid portions had never existed.

SECTION 11. Any ordinance or ordinances, or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and made null and void.

READ TWO TIMES AND PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

THIS 18 DAY OF April, 2023.