

CITY OF BINGEN

ORDINANCE 2020-03-708

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING BINGEN MUNICIPAL CODE 13.04.120, SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS AND CHARGES DESIGNATED FOR WATER SERVICE

WHEREAS, the Bingen City Council's review of the City of Bingen's current rate structure indicates additional revenue is needed for operating and maintenance costs and future capital improvements for water service.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Bingen do ordain as follows:

Section 1. Bingen Municipal Code (BMC) 13.04.120 incorporated herein by reference and by such incorporation set forth at full length, are hereby repealed.

Section 2. Bingen Municipal Code 13.04.120 shall read as follows:

13.04.120 Rates and charges for water.

All customers served by the city of Bingen water system shall be charged at the rates listed in BMC 13.04.120. Minimum monthly charges shall begin to accrue at time of initial hookup and shall be charged commencing the month following the date of the initial hookup.

On January 1st of each year beginning in ~~2021~~ 2022, the rates and charges shall be increased by 5%.

A. Minimum monthly charges.

Effective January 1, ~~2020~~ 2021, and thereafter, until adjusted herein, or as established by the city council:

1. The minimum monthly charge for single-family residential customers per meter is ~~\$43.66~~ 45.84. For service less than thirty days, a minimum of one month shall be charged.

2. The minimum monthly charge for all other customers per meter per month are as follows. For service less than thirty days, a minimum of one month shall be charged:

Meter Size	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
5/8-inch or 3/4-inch	\$66.70 <u>70.04</u>	\$83.38 <u>87.55</u>
1-inch	\$105.97 <u>111.27</u>	\$132.47 <u>139.09</u>
1-1/2 inch	\$211.88 <u>222.47</u>	\$264.85 <u>278.09</u>
2-inch	\$317.86 <u>333.75</u>	\$397.32 <u>417.19</u>
3-inch	\$567.28 <u>595.64</u>	\$821.60 <u>862.68</u>
4-inch	\$920.19 <u>966.20</u>	\$1,150.24 <u>1,207.75</u>
6-inch	\$1,381.28 <u>1,450.34</u>	\$1,726.60 <u>1,812.93</u>

B. Charge for use of water.

1. Single-Family Residential. Water used in increments of one thousand gallons or portions thereof shall be charged in addition to the minimum monthly service charge and will be charged as follows:

Inside City Limits	Inside City Limits	Inside City Limits
0-10,000 gallons	10,001-20,000 gallons	>20,000 gallons
\$2.46 <u>2.58</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$4.13 <u>4.34</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$6.17 <u>6.48</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof
Outside City Limits	Outside City Limits	Outside City Limits
0-10,000 gallons	10,001-20,000 gallons	>20,000 gallons
\$3.08 <u>3.23</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$5.16 <u>5.42</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof	\$7.71 <u>8.10</u> per 1,000 gallons or portion thereof

2. All Other Customers – Inside city limits. Water used in increments of one thousand gallons or portions thereof shall be charged in addition to the minimum monthly service charge and will be charged ~~\$3.75~~ 3.94 per 1,000 gallons.

3. All Other Customers – Outside city limits. Water used in increments of one thousand gallons or portions thereof shall be charged in addition to the minimum monthly service charge and will be charged ~~\$4.69~~ 4.92 per 1,000 gallons.

C. Minimum monthly charges – Multiple dwellings.

Where water from one meter serves more than one building housing separate residences, housekeeping rooms, apartments, condominiums, or multiplex structures, the minimum monthly billing shall be based on the meter size and the charge for use of water shall be per BMC 13.04.120B.2.

D. Fire hydrants – Charges for service – Water use.

1. Use of city water through fire hydrants for all public and private agencies, excepting fire departments and districts, shall be metered by an approved fire hydrant meter and billed as follows:

a. Based on minimum monthly charges as outlined in BMC 13.04.120A and B

b. Hydrant meter rental at ten dollars (\$10.00) per day.

c. Lost or damaged meters shall be billed at the current cost of replacement or repair.

2. Request for water through fire hydrants must be approved by the water department prior to use of the hydrant. An approved backflow assembly may be required.

3. The Bingen Fire Department shall be charged per hydrant per year the minimum monthly charge for a $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter

E. Users Outside City Limits. Users outside city limits shall be charged twenty five percent more for all water service rates and charges than users inside city limits.

F. City Purchase of Water. In the event the city must, to meet demand, purchase water from another jurisdiction, the city shall have the authority to modify by resolution the charges for water service.

G. Imposition of Charges, Enforcement of Charges and Billing Procedure.

1. Imposition of Charges. Minimum monthly water charges shall begin to accrue at time of initial hookup and shall be imposed commencing the month after the date of the initial hookup.

2. Billing Cycle, Account Setup Fees, Late Charge. The city clerk is authorized and directed to bill water charges on a monthly basis. Billing for water charges shall be the responsibility of the owner of the property served. The billing shall be mailed to the owner's address, as used by the treasurer's office of Klickitat County for the mailing of real property tax notices. Duplicate billing shall be mailed to a tenant upon the property owner's request, however billing shall continue to be the responsibility of the owner of the property served. A nominal fee of \$1.00 to cover printing and mailing of the duplicate bill shall be charged to the account each month. Payment of charges shall be due the twentieth (20th) of each month. The city clerk shall charge twenty-five dollars to set-up a new account or to change the payor on an account due to the administrative costs of doing the same. A delinquent fee of ten dollars shall be charged whenever an account has a past due balance of more than fifteen dollars (\$15.00) which fee reflects the costs of rebilling and other administrative costs of managing delinquent accounts.

3. Charges are Responsibility of Property Owner – Lien on Premises – Service Cutoff. Payment of charges for services provided for in this section are the responsibility of the owner of record of the property served. All charges for service provided for in this section shall be a lien on the real property served and such lien shall have the highest priority allowed by law and may be enforced in any lawful manner. As an additional and concurrent method of enforcing this section, the public works director is authorized to cut off water services to any property served for which property charges are delinquent more than thirty days; services shall

be reconnected only after payment in full of charges owed at time of reconnect, which charge shall include a reinstatement fee pursuant to BMC Section 13.40.280.

Section 3. Bingen Municipal Codes which are repealed by this ordinance shall remain in force and effect until the effective date of this ordinance.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGEN, and effective five (5) days after the first date of posting or publication.

DATED this 24th day of November, 2020.

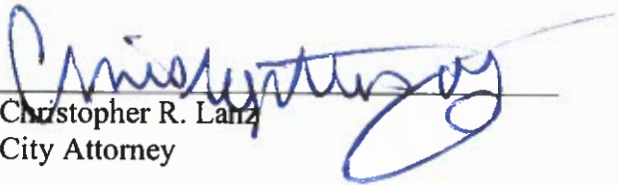
ATTEST:



Mayor Betty J. Barnes

Cheyenne Pantoja Wright, City Clerk

Approved as to form only:



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