ORDINANCE NUMBER 921

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2013 CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF URBANA, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO UTILITY BILLING RATES.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Urbana, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 92, section 02 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

92.02 RATES FOR SERVICE.

1. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates within the City:

Gallons Used Per Month	Rate	
The first 2,000 gallons	$23.00	(minimum bill)
2,001 gallons and over	$9.60	per 1,000 gallons

2. Accounts will be assessed with a capital fee of $10.00 monthly to support investments in necessary water system infrastructure improvements and expansions.

3. The amount of water used and measured by an additional or second water meter at the same location shall be considered part of the usage billed to the established account for that location, and the total amount of water thus consumed shall be billed at the regular water usage rate as established from time to time, except that no minimum amount for water service will be charged for an additional or second meter.

SECTION 2. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 92, section 04, subsection 5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Iowa, is hereby amended as follows [underline indicates insertion; ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletion]:

5. Late Payment Penalty. Bills not paid by the 20th day of the month shall be considered delinquent. A one-time late payment penalty of ~~five~~ten percent (~~5%~~10%) of the amount due shall be added to each delinquent bill. Customers are responsible for payment of bills by the due date, regardless of the date the customer receives the bill.

SECTION 3. NEW SUBSECTION. Chapter 92, section 05, is amended by adding subsection 2, and renumbering the subsequent subsections, which is herby adopted to read as follows:

2. Twenty-Four Hour Notice. A 24-hour notice will be posted on the door of each customer that has failed to pay their delinquent bill by the date specified on the disconnect notice. A $40.00 posting fee will be collected for this 24-hour notice.

SECTION 4. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 92, section 05, subsection 6 (renumbered subsection 5) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Iowa, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6. Fees. During regular business hours, a fee of forty dollars ($40.00) shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent customer. No reconnections will be made outside of regular business hours. The $40.00 fee shall be added to the customer's account at the time that the Public Works Department employees receive the service order to disconnect service at the customer's address because the bill is unpaid. The disconnection shall be completed as directed regardless of requests to the contrary by the customer, and shall not be reconnected until all charges, penalties and fees are paid in full. Payment must be submitted to the City Clerk's office during regular business hours. Public Works Department employees shall not be authorized to accept such payments.

If a service site will be temporarily vacant and the owner wishes to have billing for service discontinued during his/her absence, there will be a fee of $20.00 charged to (i) shut the service off at the curb, and (ii) to reconnect service when the customer returns. If the water is not shut off at the curb, billing will continue during the customer's absence. No fee shall be charged for the usual or customary trips in the regular changes in occupancies of property.

SECTION 5. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 99, section 02, subsection 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Iowa, subsection 1 is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

1. Sewer service shall be based upon the amount and rate of water consumed at the following monthly rates:

Gallons Used Per Month	Rate	
The first 2,000 gallons	$46.64	(minimum bill)
2,001 gallons and over	$12.00	per 1,000 gallons

SECTION 6. SECTION MODIFIED. Chapter 106, section 08, subsection 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Urbana, Iowa, is hereby amended as follows [underline indicates insertion; ~~strikethrough~~ indicates deletion]:

1. Schedule of Fees. The fees for solid waste and recyclable material collection and disposal service, used or available, are:

A. Residential rates are ~~$11.75~~$15.05 per dwelling unit per month, which shall include regular garbage as well as recyclables collection once per week and yard waste collection twice a month.

B. Commercial rates are ~~$18.75~~$22.05 per establishment per month except that special rates as agreed upon by the collector and the City shall apply to those establishments that have unusual or larger than normal volumes of materials to be collected.

SECTION 7. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

First Reading: Approved First Reading 7/10/2024, M/S Bendull/Lala Aye: 4- Martin, Lala, Vaske, Bendull Nay: 0 Absent: Holthaus

Second Reading: Approved Second Reading 7/31/2024, M/S Bendull/Vaske Aye: 5-Lala, Holthaus, Martin, Vaske, Bendull Nay: 0 Absent: 0

Third Reading: Approved Third Reading 8/14/2024, M/S Holthaus/Bendull Aye: 5-Vaske, Lala, Martin, Bendull, Holthaus Nay: 0 Absent: 0

Passed and approved by the City Council this 14th day of August 2024.

Gary Benson

Gary Benson, Mayor

Attest:

Jennifer Burkhart

Jennifer Burkhart, City Administrator/Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance Number 921 on the 20 day of August, 2024.

Jennifer Burkhart

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