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WATER, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTIONS 2:61 THROUGH 2:64, AND 2:69, AND TO REPEAL SECTION 2:73 OF CHAPTER 29 (Water, SEWER AND STORMWATER RATES) OF TITLE II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ANN ARBOR

The City of Ann Arbor ordains:

Section 1. That Sections 2:61 through 2:64, and 2:69 of Chapter 29 of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be amended to read as follows:

2:61. - Definitions.

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meanings of terms used in this chapter shall be as follows:

- (1) *Blowdown meter* means a meter attached that measures water that has been measured as water only flow by a water only meter or deduct meter, but is discharged to the sewer system. Blowdown meters are used for water flow from cooling towers and similar applications.
- (2) *Customer charge* means a monthly or quarterly base charge that recovers costs for billing, collection, customer service, meter programs, public fire protection, and public involvement and public education activities.
- (3) *Deduct meter* means a meter that measures water has first been measured by the property's water meter, but is then diverted to water only use and not discharged into the sewer system.
- (4) *Dwelling Unit* means one or more rooms with a kitchen and sanitary facilities designed as a unit for occupancy by one family.
- (5) *Family* means an individual or group of individuals occupying a dwelling unit as a single housekeeping unit.
- (6) *Fire service* means water available through a fire service line for fire protection and used during a fire emergency only.
- (7) *Impervious area* means a surface area that is compacted or covered with material that is resistant to or impedes permeation by water, including but not

limited to, most conventionally surfaced streets, roofs, sidewalks, patios, driveways, parking lots, and any other oiled, graveled, graded, or compacted surfaces.

- (8) *Multi-family rate* means the rate applied to the water usage for a residential customer where three or more dwelling units are served off the same water meter.
- (9) *Non-residential rate* means the rate applied to the water usage of customers served by meters that are not classified as residential 1, residential 2, multi-family, or water only meters.
- (10) *Person* means any individual, firm, association, public or private corporation or public agency or instrumentality.
- (11) *Premises* means each lot or parcel of land, building or premises having any connection to the water distribution system of the city, the sanitary sewer system of the city, or the stormwater system of the city.
- (12) *Property* means any land within the boundary of the City of Ann Arbor, both publicly and privately owned, including public and private rights-of-way, but excluding the Huron River.
- (13) *Residential 1 rate* means the rate that applies to the water usage through a single water meter that serves one or two dwelling units that do not have a water only meter.
- (14) *Residential 2 rate* means the rate that applies to the water usage through a single water meter that serves one or two dwelling units that also have a water only meter.
- (15) *Water only rate* means the rate applied to the water usage through a water only meter.
- (16) Definitions listed in Chapters 27, 28, 33, and 63 shall also apply to this chapter.

2:62. - Basis of charges.

Except for minimum charges that may be specified by ordinance, all water service shall be charged for on the basis of water consumed as determined by the meter installed in the premises of water or sewage disposal service customers by the city public services area. Except for minimum charges that may be specified by ordinance, all sanitary sewer service shall be charged for on the basis of water consumed, to the extent that such consumption reflects the return of water to the sanitary sewers as herein provided. Except for minimum charges that may be specified by ordinance, all stormwater service shall be charged for on the basis of the impervious area of every property within the city. No free water service, sanitary sewer service or stormwater service shall be furnished to any person.

2:63. - Water rates.

- (1) The commodity charges for water service shall be as follows. The rates shown are per unit. One unit equals 100 cubic feet (1 CCF).

	Residential 1	Residential 2	
1—9 units	\$1.77	\$1.77	
10—18 units	2.83	2.83	
19—36 units	6.57	2.83	
Over 36 units	14.08	2.83	
	Non-Residential	Multi-Family	Water Only
All Units	\$3.83	\$2.13	\$8.73

- (2) Customer charges per quarter for water shall be as follows, based on the size of the water meter, including water only and deduct meters, but excluding blowdown meters, or based on the size of a fire service line:

Customer Charge per Quarter

5/8" meter	\$20.89
3/4" meter	22.43
1" meter	25.26
1½" meter	33.09
2" meter	41.90
3" meter	88.47
4" meter	115.48
6" meter	176.75
8" meter	257.21
10" meter	343.11

Fire Service Charge per Quarter

1" service	\$34.82
1½" service	34.82
2" service	34.82
3" service	34.82
4" service	69.64

6" service	69.64
8" service	69.64

- (3) Charges for water for resale provided to Ann Arbor Township and Scio Township shall be as provided per the provisions of their respective agreements with the City of Ann Arbor.
- (4) Customer charges for water only meters on premises where the customer pays Residential 2 water rates shall be applied only to water only meters installed on or after July 1, 2018.

2:64. - Sewer rates.

- (1) The commodity charge for customers in Ann Arbor shall be \$5.19 per 100 cubic feet (1 CCF) of water flow, of which \$1.83 is a user charge for wastewater plant operation, maintenance and replacement, 48 cents is a user charge for field operation and maintenance of the sewer system, 49 cents is a user charge for system planning and administration and \$2.93 is applied toward a portion of capital expenditures. No commodity charge for sewer service will be charged based on water flow through a water only or deduct meter, or through a fire service line. Charges for sewer service provided to Ann Arbor Township, Pittsfield Township and Scio Township shall be as provided per the provisions of their respective wastewater treatment or sewer agreements with the City of Ann Arbor.
- (2) Customer charges per quarter for sewer shall be as follows, based on the size of the water meter, including blowdown meters but excluding deduct and water only meters:

5/8" meter	\$13.09
3/4" meter	13.47
1" meter	13.98
1½" meter	16.01
2" meter	17.84
3" meter	45.86
4" meter	51.98
6" meter	55.22
8" meter	66.07
10" meter	70.74

2:69. - Stormwater rates.

- (1) Except as provided in this section and Chapter 33, all property shall be subject to the stormwater utility charge.
- (2) *Stormwater Discharge Rate.* Each property shall be billed at a quarterly stormwater discharge rate of \$678.81 per acre multiplied by the representative impervious area of the property. The representative impervious area of the property shall be the measured impervious area, rounded to the nearest 0.0001 acre, of the portion of the property discharging to the city's stormwater system.
- (3) Properties with a single-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a single-family dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit, all as defined in Chapter 55, are grouped into the following categories for purposes of calculating stormwater charges based upon their measured and representative impervious area:

Single-Family and Two-Family Residential		
Measured Impervious Area	Representative Impervious Area	Quarterly Charge
Less than or equal to 2,187 square feet	0.03706 acres	\$25.16
Greater than 2,187 square feet to less than or equal to 4,175 square feet	0.06486 acres	44.03
Greater than 4,175 square feet to less than or equal to 7,110 square feet	0.11117 acres	75.46
Greater than 7,110 square feet	0.19456 acres	132.07

- (4) *Customer Charge.* Each property shall be billed a customer charge of \$3.99 per quarter.
- (5) *Credits to Stormwater Discharge and Customer Charges.* The city shall offer the following credits per quarter to property owners fully satisfying pertinent criteria established in Chapter 33 and in regulations promulgated by the Administrator:

Single-Family and Two-Family Residential	Reduce Total Charge by
Rain barrels (1 or more)	\$2.71
Rain gardens/cisterns/dry wells	5.62
RiverSafe homes	1.03
Chapter 63—Compliant stormwater control	14.97

Other Properties	Reduce Stormwater Discharge Rate by	Reduce Customer Charge by
Community Partners for Clean Streams	0.0%	25.83%
Chapter 63—Compliant Stormwater Control	28.87%	0.0%
Other Approved Stormwater Controls	8.17%	25.83%

- (5) *Charges for Permitted Non-Stormwater Discharges.* The charges for non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater system that are permitted by the Public Services Area Administrator according to chapter 33, section 2:217, shall be \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons. If non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater system are controlled such that the discharges cease during periods of precipitation, then the above rate shall be multiplied by a factor of 0.3. For any month in which the user discharges into the stormwater system, there shall be a minimum bill for 100,000 gallons. Stormwater discharges exempt from discharge prohibitions under section 2:216(3) are not subject to this charge.

Section 2. That Section 2:73 of Chapter 29 of Title II of the Code of the City of Ann Arbor be repealed as follows:

2:73. - Reserved.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect on July 1, 2018.