

**ORDINANCE NO. 688**

**AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE RATES CHARGED FOR UTILITY SERVICES INCLUDING ELECTRICITY, WATER, SEWER, AND REFUSE COLLECTION; AUTHORIZING FOR THE AUTOMATIC ADJUSTMENT OF RATES ANNUALLY BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX; UPDATIG APPENDIX A TO THE WATONGA CITY CODE TO INCLUDE ALL UTILITY RATES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF WATONGA:

**SECTION 1: Amendatory Language.** Part 17, Chapter 1, Section 17-104 of the Watonga City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17-104. Utility Fees or Charges.**

The City Council shall have the power, by ordinance, to set and establish rates and charges governing all aspects of the City Utility Services, including service availability fees, connection fees and charges, and deposits.

**SECTION 2: Amendatory Language.** Part 17, Chapter 2, Section 17-202 of the Watonga City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17-202. Water Rates.**

A. The City Council shall have the power to set or amend the fees and charges for water use by customers of the water system. The rates and fees set by the City Council shall be listed in Appendix A, Part II: Fees.

**SECTION 3: New Language.** The following language shall be added to Appendix A, Part II: Fees.:

<b>WATER CONSUMPTION RATES (Code Section 17-202)</b>			
Service Availability Charge	Residential	\$12.00/month	
	Residential Rural	\$15.00/month	
	Commercial	\$18.00/month	
	Commercial Rural	\$20.00/month	
Consumption	One Unit	\$2.40/unit	
1 unit = 1000 gallons	Two Units	\$2.45/unit	
	Three Units	\$2.50/unit	
	Four Units	\$2.55/unit	
	Five Units	\$2.60/unit	

	Six to Ten Units	\$2.70/unit	
	Eleven to Twenty Units	\$2.80/unit	
	Twenty-One to Fifty Units	\$2.90/unit	
	Over 50 Units	\$3.15/unit	
Bulk Water (Belly Fill)	2000 Gallons	\$20.00	
Bulk Water (Overhead Fill)	250 gallons	\$5.00	

**SECTION 4: Amendatory Language.** Part 17, Chapter 3, Section 17-303 of the Watonga City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17-303. Electric Rates; Deposit Required.**

- A. Any person who desires to use electricity shall put up with the City as a meter deposit in an amount set by the City Council. The City Council may also establish classifications of customers, such as residences, mobile homes, location inside or outside of City limits, and various types of businesses, for different deposit requirements. Required deposit amounts are kept in the City Clerk's office.
- B. The City Council shall have the power to set or amend the fees and charges for electric use by customers of the electric system. The rates and fees set by the City Council shall be listed in Appendix A, Part II: Fees.

**SECTION 5: New Language.** The following language shall be added to Appendix A, Part II: Fees.:

<b>ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION RATES (Code Section 17-303)</b>			
Residential (No DG)	Service Availability Charge		\$20.00/month
	Usage	0-500 kWh	\$0.1093/kWh
		501 kWh and over	\$0.1164/kWh
Residential (with DG)	Service Availability Charge		\$46.00/month
	Usage	0-500 kWh	\$0.1093/kWh
		501 kWh and over	\$0.1164/kWh
Commercial (No DG) Standard Service	Service Availability Charge		\$47.00/month
	Usage	0-1000 kWh	\$0.1093/kWh
		1001 kWh and over	\$0.1258/kWh

Large Commercial (No DG) Three Phase Service	Service Availability Charge		\$113.00/month
	Usage	0-5000 kWh	\$0.1039/kWh
		5001 kWh and over	\$0.1121/kWh
Extra Large Commercial (No DG) Three Phase Service with 12-month average usage of more than 500,000 kWh per month	Service Availability Charge		\$125.00/month
	Usage	All Consumption	\$0.0786/kWh
Commercial (With DG)	Service Availability Charge		\$67.00/month
	Usage	0-1000 kWh	\$0.1093/kWh
		1001 kWh and over	\$0.1258/kWh
Large Commercial (With DG)	Service Availability Charge		\$67.00/month
	Usage	All Consumption	\$0.0982/kWh
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FEES</b>			
Residential Pole Light		\$8.00/month	
Commercial Pole Light		\$8.00/month	

**SECTION 6: Amendatory Language.** Part 17, Chapter 4, Section 17-416 of the Watonga City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17-416. Rate Schedule for sewer use.**

- A. The rates for the residential, commercial, or industrial users or for negotiation of contracts for payment shall be established by the City Council from time to time and will be based on water usage. The rates and fees set by the City Council shall be listed in Appendix A, Part II: Fees.

**SECTION 7: New Language.** The following language shall be added to Appendix A, Part II: Fees.:

<b>SEWER USAGE RATES (Code Section 17-416)</b>			
Service Availability Charge	Residential	\$12.00/month	
	Commercial	\$18.00/month	
Usage	One to Nine Units	\$3.75/unit	
	10 to 50 Units	\$4.00/unit	
	Over 50 Units	\$3.00/unit	

**SECTION 8: Amendatory Language.** Part 17, Chapter 5, Section 17-507 of the Watonga City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 17-507. Rate Schedule for garbage collection.**

A. The rates for refuse collection shall be established by the City Council from time to time. The rates and fees set by the City Council shall be listed in Appendix A, Part II: Fees.

**SECTION 9: Amendatory Language.** The current language contained in Appendix A, Part II, Fees for section 17-507 shall be replaced to read as follows:

<b>GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES (Code Section 17-507)</b>			
Residential	First Poly Cart	1x per week	\$20.00
	Each Additional Poly Cart	1x per week	\$8.00
Commercial	Small Commercial Poly Cart	1x per week	\$20.00
	2-yard dumpster	1x per week	\$69.00
		Additional Pickup	\$28.00
	4-yard dumpster	1x per week	\$97.00
		Additional Pickup	\$34.00

**SECTION 10: Repealer.** All ordinances or parts thereof which are inconsistent with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

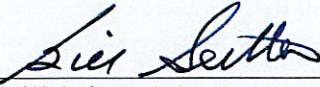
**SECTION 11: Severability.** If any one or more of the sections, sentences, clauses or parts of this ordinance, chapter or section shall for any reason be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, clause or part shall not affect or prejudice in any way the applicability and validity of any other provision of this ordinance. It is hereby

declared to be the intention of the City Council of the City of Watonga, Oklahoma, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.


**SECTION 12: Emergency.** It being necessary for the protection of the public peace and the health and safety of the citizens of Watonga, Oklahoma, an emergency is declared to exist, and this ordinance shall become effective on March 23, 2024.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 19th day of March, 2024.

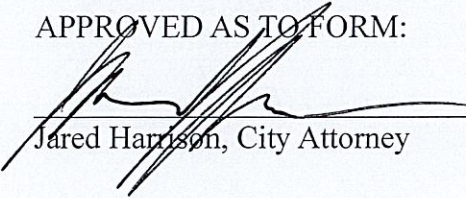


  
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ATTEST:

  
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Deborah McGee, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Jared Harrison, City Attorney