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AN ORDINANCE

amending Chapter 27 of the City Code as it relates to accounts and billing and water rates; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Columbia, Missouri, is hereby amended as follows:

Material to be deleted in ~~strikeout~~; material to be added underlined.

Sec. 27-19. Billing and payment.

(a) The city shall render a bill once during each billing period to every customer in accordance with the applicable rate schedule.

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(f) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city shall assess late charges against all delinquent accounts. If a customer's bill is not paid in full by the date payment is due, the bill for the next billing period shall include a late charge equal to ~~one and one-half (1½)~~ three (3) percent of the amount remaining unpaid on the due date of the preceding billing period. Late charges shall not be assessed against the balance due on a delinquent account if the customer is current on the payments required by a settlement agreement for the account. Late charges shall not be assessed against the balance due on a delinquent account if the service has been disconnected.

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Sec. 27-52. Water service lines—Ownership; application; fees.

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(c) Water service lines to previously unserved properties or to properties previously served by an inadequate or non-city-owned service line within the water utility service area shall be installed upon application and only after all requirements for water

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main extension and payment have been met. The required fees for connection, tap and meter installation, where applicable, shall be paid at the time of application or may be billed during the normal billing cycle in the month subsequent to the date of application, at the city's option. The city may demand payment in cash.

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(2) Tap fee. This fee shall be in addition to the system equity charge and meter fee and shall be assessed for each tap made by the department on public water mains. The tap fee will be waived when the only purpose of the tap is for installing a sprinkler system in a structure built before the requirement of fire sprinklers. On each tap, the customer shall be assessed as follows:

Size of Meter	*Tap ~~Fee~~*
1-inch	~~$750.00~~ 1,000.00
1½—2-inch or 1-inch commercial	~~250.00~~ 335.00
4-inch and larger	575.00

For all commercial services or connections larger than one (1) inch, the customer shall be responsible for supplying all materials to department specifications, all necessary permits, preparation of the water main so that the tap may be made (including saw cutting of pavement, if required), site excavation, installation of the service line across the street (if required), and all applicable site restoration costs. All excavations under pavement must be restored per City of Columbia, Boone County Public Works, or Missouri Department of Transportation specifications as determined applicable by the director.

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Sec. 27-53. Same—Location.

(a) The location of the water service line, in relation to the water main and the property to be served, shall be determined by the department.

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(c) All meters for commercial services installed after October 1, 2017 shall be indoors. When it is impractical to install the meter box for residential services at the property line, as determined by the director, the water meter may be installed indoors or elsewhere on the property to be served, ~~, provided it is~~ All meters shall be protected from damage or freezing and, when located indoors, and be ~~is~~ readily accessible in an unlocked room or enclosure. If a meter becomes inaccessible, ~~in~~ at the option of the department, the customer must make provision for its relocation or for a remote reading device. Regardless of its location, the customer shall be responsible for damage to the meter or its

appurtenances, caused by the customer's negligence or failure to properly safeguard and protect such meter and appurtenances from hazards.

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Sec. 27-122. Water rates inside city limits—Residential/commercial multiple-family facilities.

(a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to residential customers, commercial multiple family facilities customers, and multiple commercial facilities served with one meter, within the city limits of the city are hereby fixed as follows:

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(2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

5/8 and 3/4-inch	~~8.85~~ 9.75
1-inch	~~10.52~~ 14.04
1½-inch	~~17.09~~ 28.25
2-inch	~~18.51~~ 42.00
3-inch	~~34.01~~ 147.00
4-inch	~~50.42~~ 325.00
6-inch	~~96.95~~ 700.00

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Sec. 27-122.1. Same—Commercial.

(a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to commercial customers within the city limits who use fifty thousand (50,000) cubic feet (500 ccf) or less per month average during nonsummer months (October through May) are hereby fixed as follows:

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(2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

5/8 and 3/4-inch	~~8.85~~ 9.75
1-inch	~~10.52~~ 14.04
1½-inch	~~17.09~~ 28.25
2-inch	~~18.51~~ 42.00
3-inch	~~34.01~~ 147.00
4-inch	~~50.42~~ 325.00
6-inch	~~96.95~~ 700.00

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Sec. 27-122.2. Same—Large commercial.

(a) The rates to be charged for water furnished to commercial customers within the city limits who use more than fifty thousand (50,000) cubic feet (500 ccf) per month average during nonsummer months (October through May) are hereby fixed as follows:

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(2) Minimum charge per month, charged in addition to the volume charge in subsection (a)(1), based on meter size:

1-inch	~~10.52~~ 14.04
1½-inch	~~17.09~~ 28.25
2-inch	~~18.51~~ 42.00
3-inch	~~34.01~~ 147.00
4-inch	~~50.42~~ 325.00
6-inch	~~96.95~~ 700.00
8-inch	1,200.00

SECTION 2. The new rates established in this ordinance shall take effect on October 1, 2017; provided that rates for monthly charges shall be applied to utility bills beginning with the first cycle billed in October, 2017.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 18th day of September, 2017.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor