

RESOLUTION NO. 80-2024

ESTABLISHMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS WATER POLICY AND SERVICE CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso owns and operates water and wastewater utilities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Owosso must have policies and service charges in addition to the basic rates pursuant to the *Code of Ordinances of the City of Owosso, Michigan* Sec. 34-79. Additional regulations and Sec. 34-81 Rules, regulations and fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the city council of the City of Owosso, Shiawassee County, Michigan that:

FIRST: the city council hereby adopts the following policies and service charges for the water utility which shall become effective immediately.

SECOND: that any policies previously adopted which conflict with the provisions of the following policies and services are hereby repealed.

I. Service Costs – Customer Request for Turn-on/off of Water Service

- a. There shall be no service charge for routine turn-on or turn-off of a water service during normal working hours or for an emergency after-hours call. Normal work hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday excluding holidays. An emergency is a situation such as a ruptured water service line that would result in significant loss of water and/or property damage and is not due to negligence or fault of the customer.
- b. A \$60.00 service charge shall apply for return appointments during normal work hours when required by the customer's failure to keep a previous service appointment. (Note: A water service will not be turned on unless a responsible person is present who can verify that there are no leaks in the internal plumbing.)
- c. A \$30.00 service charge shall no longer apply for seasonal meter turn-on and account activation (during normal working hours only). Quarterly Readiness to Service charges shall continue to be billed.
- d. A \$250.00 service charge shall apply for after-hours, non-emergency customer-requested and scheduled service calls up to one hour in duration. After-hours service exceeding one hour and/or requiring more than one employee will be charged the actual cost.

II. Service Costs - Customer Request for RPZ (reduced pressure zone) Backflow Inspection

- a. Initial compliance inspections and noncompliance inspections are at \$160 charge to the customer.
- b. If additional inspections are necessary, an \$80.00 re-inspection fee for each additional inspection will be added to the water bill.

III. Service Costs - Nonpayment of Water and/or Sewer Bills by Due Date

- a. A \$150.00 service charge shall be applied when payment is not received by the shut-off due date, and the past due account was added to the shut-off listing.

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- b. An additional \$75.00 service charge shall be paid prior to turning on a water service, which was turned off for nonpayment, if such turn-on request would occur after 5:00 p.m. on a normal working day.
- c. A \$25.00 service charge shall be paid for returned payments (for any reason), for account holders having insufficient funds. A \$35.00 service charge shall be paid if the returned payment amount is not repaid within seven days of notification.

IV. Water Service Permit

- a. The owner of any property used for human occupancy, employment, recreation, or other purposes – situated within the city and abutting on any street, alley, or right-of-way in which there is now located or may hereafter be located a city water distribution system – is hereby required at his or her expense to install suitable water service connection to said city water distribution system directly in accordance with local and state laws, rules, and policies for water service connections within ninety (90) days after the date of official notice from the city to make said connection. Existing private water wells must be abandoned and taken out of service once a city water distribution system service connection is made.
- b. A permit processing fee of \$50.00 will be required for all new services requested.

V. Hydrant Use Requests

- a. Contractors and special projects. A \$1,250 service charge will be required at time of permit application. This fee includes the minimum charge of \$75.00 for 5,000 bulk gallons of water, plus additional charges of \$16.00 per 1,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, consumed greater than the minimum quantity. Owosso water system personnel will attach a water meter and RPZ backflow preventer to the hydrant for contractor use. If the water meter, RPZ, and stand are returned in good operating condition, the contractor will receive a \$450.00 refund, less charges for additional water consumed greater than the minimum quantity. Hydrant meters will not be provided from December 1 and March 31, unless the contractor can provide acceptable protection of equipment during freezing temperatures.

VI. Hydrant Flow Data Requests

- a. The charge for water distribution modeling data (average day psi, max day psi, peak hour psi, and available fire flow in gallons per minute/GPM @ residual pressure of 20 psi) is \$400.00.
- b. The charge for actual field flow data & psi testing will be \$800.00. This field work does not include providing distribution modeling data.

VII. Customer Deposits

- a. Deposit for in-City-of-Owosso tenant accounts is \$350.00.
- b. Deposit for all accounts outside the City of Owosso is \$400.00.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing document is a true and complete copy of a resolution authorized by the Owosso City Council at the regular meeting of May 20, 2024.


Amy K. Kirkland, City Clerk

