

ORDINANCE NO. 18-11

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDED WATER USAGE CHARGE, AMENDED SEWER USAGE CHARGE, BULK WATER CHARGE AND HYDRANT METER DEPOSIT

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Be it ordained by the City Council, City of Norwalk, Iowa:

- Section 1. Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Sections 92.02(1), 92.02(4), 99.02(1), 99.02(3) Norwalk Municipal Code, 2018 by providing for amended water and sewer usage charges and providing for the use of hydrant meters under limited circumstances for the City of Norwalk, Iowa.
- Section 2. Water Usage Charge For Service.** The water usage charge contained in Section 92.02(1), Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby amended to \$6.17 for each 1000 gallons used per month.
- Section 3. Water Usage Charge For Large Quantity Service.** The water usage charge for large quantity service contained in Section 92.02(4), Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby amended to \$3.34 for each 1000 gallons used per month.
- Section 4. Sewer Usage Charge.** The usage charge contained in Section 99.02(1), Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby amended to \$10.03 for each 1000 gallons used per month.
- Section 5. Sewer Usage Charge For Large Quantity Service.** The sewer usage charge for large quantity service contained in Section 99.02(3), Norwalk Municipal Code is hereby amended to \$6.14 for each 1000 gallons used per month.
- Section 6. Bulk Dispenser Rate.** A new Section 92.02(5) is hereby created to create a user charge for bulk water sold by the City of Norwalk as follows;

92.02(5) BULK WATER USAGE CHARGE

The bulk water user charge, for water dispensed through the City of Norwalk bulk water dispenser, is hereby set at a rate equal to 150% of the water usage charge set in Section 92.02(1) of this Chapter.

Section 7. Hydrant Meters. A new Section 91.10 is hereby created to authorize the use of hydrant meters in the City of Norwalk as follows;

91.10 HYDRANT METER REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES

91.10(1) Primary Function of Fire Hydrants.

The primary function of fire hydrants in the City of Norwalk is public fire protection. However, temporary hydrant meters are allowed at the City's discretion only when there is no other available water source and with the following conditions.

91.10(2) Availability.

- A. The City will make a limited number of hydrant meters available on a "first come-first served" basis.
- B. Hydrant meters shall be available to any one user for a maximum of thirty (30) calendar days. At the end of thirty (30) days user must submit a new application and pay the fee to continue use.
- C. The City reserves the right to withdraw permission for the use of the hydrant meter in the case of an emergency.
- D. The City reserves the right to withdraw permission for the use of the hydrant meter if the meter has been used in violation of this policy.
- E. The City also reserves the right to withdraw permission for the use of a hydrant meter as deemed necessary for the security of the water distribution system.
- F. Hydrant meters may only be used from April 15 to October 15 unless otherwise authorized by the City Public Works Director.
- G. Fire Department use will always take precedence over other use of a fire hydrant. The Fire Department is authorized to disconnect a hydrant meter at any time for firefighting purposes.

91.10(3) Operation and Use.

- A. Hydrant meters shall be connected only to City fire hydrants located within the City of Norwalk.
- B. Only city staff or those authorized by the City Public Works Director shall install and remove the hydrant meter.
- C. User shall follow all rules and operating instructions provided by city staff.

- D. User shall not tamper with meter, hydrant, or any other connections or appurtenances on the City Water System.
- E. Hydrant meter water shall not be used for the filling of swimming pools unless otherwise authorized by the City Public Works Director.

91.10(4) Application and Deposit.

- A. All users of hydrant meters shall submit completed application provided by the City and provide the required deposit in the form of a check or money order.
- B. A deposit in the amount of \$1800.00 shall be made to the City prior to installation of the hydrant meter.
- C. A non-refundable equipment hookup, disconnection, administrative and testing fee in the amount of \$100.00 shall be charged for each installed meter at the time of application.
- D. The City will also bill each user, upon return of the hydrant meter, for water consumption based upon the rate charged for bulk water users. Bills will be prepared on the basis of before-use and after-use meter reading obtained by city staff.
- E. Users will be billed for damage to fire hydrants, water meters, backflow devices, or other water system property, plus labor, caused by the use of the hydrant meter.
- F. The City will refund deposits, less applicable charges or repairs, after the hydrant meter is returned and the final water bill has been satisfied.

Section 8. Elimination of Industrial User Rate. The usage charge for industrial contained in Section 92.02(1) is hereby eliminated. It has been replaced by Chapter 99.02(4) providing a large quantity user charge.


Section 9. Chapter 177. Applicable section in Chapter 177 Norwalk Municipal Code shall be amended to reflect the charges contained in this ordinance.

Section 10. Repealer. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 11. Severability Clause. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged to be 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 12. When Effective. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on July 1, 2018 upon final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of May, 2018.


Tom Phillips, Mayor

Attest:


Jean Fuller, Interim City Clerk