

ORDINANCE 85-34

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND REENACTING SECTION 14.08.090 AND ENACTING CHAPTER 14.13 OF THE HOMER MUNICIPAL CODE.

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City and its Water and Sewer Systems to provide for service connections during a utility or street improvement project; and

WHEREAS, funding of the service connection installation should be borne by the benefitting property owner; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.08.080 of the Homer Municipal Code incorrectly provides for a service charge/month of \$91.04 for a 1 1/2 inch meter size within the Public Authority Customer Class; and

WHEREAS, Section 14.08.080 of the Homer Municipal Code refers to Rates for Water Service Connection and Disconnection which may be confused with Water and Sewer Service Connection Fee;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Homer Ordains:

SECTION 1. Section 14.08.080 Schedule of Rates: Rules and Regulations is hereby repealed and reenacted to read:

(a) The following schedule of rates shall be effective July 16, 1985. This schedule supersedes all previously adopted water rate schedules. All water utility services shall be billed according to the following schedule. This schedule is for monthly water consumption and is in addition to any charges for connecting or disconnecting the service, installation of the service or any assessments for the improvements.

RATES

METERED WATER SERVICE

<u>Description</u>	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Public Authority</u>	<u>Spit</u>
Commodity charge/ thousand gallons	1.64	1.64	1.64	1.64
Service charge/month Meter Size				
5/8	16.28	24.99	17.40	52.55
3/4	19.49	32.58	20.99	76.83
1	25.91	47.75	28.18	125.26
1-1/2	47.20	91.04	51.63	248.98
2	69.96	140.07	76.83	397.15
3	125.26	256.62	137.48	739.31
4	194.00	412.43	213.85	1,222.00
6	352.85	791.25	392.57	2,444.00

SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT AND DISCONTINUANCE

A charge of \$10.00 shall be made for establishing and discontinuing water service. This fee shall be in addition to all other charges.

(b) The City Manager shall enact and promulgate, with Council approval all necessary rules and regulations and amendments thereto, which shall govern the sale, service and use of water by the City Water Department. Sufficient copies of such rules and regulations shall be filed with the City Clerk for public information purposes.

(c) The City Manager shall have printed a sufficient number of copies of the water rate schedule approved and adopted by the council pursuant to subsection (a) of this section for public use, and the same shall be available upon demand at the office of the City Clerk.

Section 2. Chapter 14.13 Water and Sewer Service Connection Fee is hereby enacted as follows:-

Chapter 14.13

WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION FEE

Sections:

- 14.13.010 Purpose.
- 14.13.020 Definitions.
- 14.13.030 Service connection fee.
- 14.13.040 Payment plan.

14.13.010 Purpose. It is the intent of this chapter to provide that collection of a service connection fee shall be required for those properties connecting to the water and/or sewer system.

14.13.020 Definitions. In this chapter, unless otherwise provided, the following words and phrases shall have the meaning set forth below:

"Service connection" means the pipe connection between a water distribution mainline or sewer collection line and the property line.

14.13.030 Service connection fee.

a. Connection to the water or sewer system shall require the collection of a service connection fee calculated as follows:

$$\text{Service Connection Fee} = \frac{\text{Water/Sewer System Cost of Service Connection(s)}}{\text{Number of Properties Provided Service Connection}}$$

b. After the installation of a water or sewer service connection, any property connecting to service connection shall be required to pay the service connection fee plus interest at the prevailing local prime rate.

14.13.040 Payment plan. A five-year payment plan may be utilized to pay for the service connection fee. The payment plan shall require interest at the lowest local prevailing prime rate. Use of a payment plan is dependent upon the availability of City Funding and/or financing by a lending institution.

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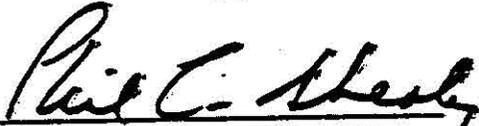


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