

CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA  
ORDINANCE NO. 91-10(S)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA  
REGARDING WATER SERVICE AND RATES,  
AMENDING SECTIONS 14.08.080, 10.08.090, 14.08.091  
AND 14.08.100 OF THE HOMER CITY CODE

WHEREAS, The City Council directed the City Administration to conduct a comprehensive study of water and sewer system rates; and

WHEREAS, it was determined in the rate study that the rates for water service do not provide sufficient revenue to cover the cost of operation and maintenance, repair and replacement of the water system plant and to meet the related annual working cash and debt service requirements;

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY OF HOMER ORDAINS:

Section 1. Subsection a. of Section 14.08.080 of the Homer City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

14.08.080 Schedule of Rates -- Rules and Regulations.

a. 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 establishing or disconnecting service, installation of service or any assessments for improvements.

Rates for Metered Water Service

Base service charge per month, meter size in inches

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial	Public Authority	Spit
Commodity Charge per 1,000 gallons	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$2.94	\$2.94
Service Charge per month, meter size in inches				
5/8"	\$ 22.74	\$ 33.55	\$ 38.04	\$ 87.28
3/4"	28.48	43.06	52.26	112.58
1"	39.95	62.06	57.99	163.19
1 1/2"	68.64	109.58	91.24	289.70
2"	103.07	166.61	131.14	441.52
3"	183.57	679.81	490.23	1,200.00
4"	284.32	529.71	490.89	1,500.00
6"	517.12	1,016.26	901.13	3,000.00

Section 2. Subsections b. and c. of section 14.08.080 of the Homer City Code are hereby relettered as subsection c. and d., respectively, and a new subsection b. is hereby created to read as follows:

b. In addition to all other charges, the following fees shall apply:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Establishing service (includes one-time disconnect)	\$ 30
Service calls, inspections and minor repairs not to exceed one hour labor.	\$ 25
Service calls, inspections and major repairs requiring in excess of one hour labor	Actual costs of City employee hourly wage

Section 3 Subsection b. of section 14.08.090 of the Homer City Code is hereby repealed.

Section 4 Schedule of rates outside of the City limits.

All rates and charges set forth in Section 14.08.080 and Section 14.08.091 shall apply to water service provided outside the City limits.

Section 5 Section 14.08.091 of the Homer City Code is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

14.08.091 Service Deposits, a. All water service users, at the time service is established, shall pay a deposit based on meter size, as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u> <u>(inches)</u>	<u>Residential Users</u>	<u>Nonresidential</u>
5/8	75.00	220.00
3/4	80.00	230.00
1	90.00	250.00
1 1/2	115.00	310.00
2	150.00	370.00
3	220.00	525.00
4	310.00	730.00
6	520.00	1,225.00

b. The City shall place deposits in an interest bearing account and deposits shall accrue interest at the rate of seven percent.

- c. Deposits and any accrued interest shall be refunded:
1. In December of each year following one year of service provided the customer has demonstrated a good payment history with no delinquencies; or,
  2. Within forty-five days after the date of disconnection, provided that the deposit and interest shall first be applied to any outstanding balance.

Section 6. Section 14.08.100 of the Homer City Code is hereby repealed and re-enacted to read as follows:

14.08.100 Bulk water sales. a. A commodity charge of \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons of water shall apply to bulk water sales provided by tanker truck or fire hydrant.

b. Bulk water customers without standard service accounts shall pay an additional surcharge of \$1.65 per 1,000 gallons of water in order to offset debt service and capital replacement and customer service costs.

c. A \$750 meter deposit shall apply to metered fire hydrant connections. The deposit will be returned when the meter is returned undamaged. This deposit may be waived upon the recommendation of the Public Works Superintendent.

d. The schedule for service fees set forth at Section 14.08.080 (b) shall apply to all bulk water service requests.

Section 7 This ordinance shall take effect May 16, 1991.

Section 8 This is a general ordinance of a permanent nature and the provisions of Sections 1 through 6 as contained herein shall be codified for inclusion in the Homer City Code.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA,  
this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1991.

CITY OF HOMER, ALASKA

  
Harry Gregoire, Mayor

AYES: 6  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:

  
Mary D. Shannon

Mary Shannon, City Clerk

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