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CITY OF SARATOGA SPRINGS WATER RATES & RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the City Council of Saratoga Springs this 20th day of December 2016, adopt and confirm the following water rates for the 2017 Utilities Billings having due dates of (05/15/17, 08/15/17, 11/15/17, 02/15/18). If the due date is on a weekend or a holiday, the bill is due on the next business day. The rates as shown will be applied to a quarterly billing procedure. Bills shall be computed under a step rate system on exact consumption. This resolution shall be made pursuant to Water–Sewer Chapter 231 section 48 of the City code by adding the amendment adopted by the City Council on December 20, 2016.

1. Rate structure shall be as follows:

- A. There shall be a basic service charge of \$10.00 (ten dollars) for all accounts, which have been active and/or metered during the previous three (3) month period or any part of the said three (3) month period, with the exception of sprinkler accounts.

| | Cubic Ft. Units | Rate per Thousand | 0% INCREASE |
|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | | <u>2017</u> | |
| FIRST | 0 - 2000 | \$12.90 | |
| FROM | 2001 - 8000 | \$15.55 | |
| FROM | 8001 - 25,000 | \$16.30 | |
| FROM | 25,001 - 75,000 | \$16.60 | |
| FROM | 75,001 - 100,000 | \$16.90 | |
| FROM | 100,001 - 125,000 | \$16.60 | |
| FROM | 125,001 - 150,000 | \$16.20 | |
| FROM | 150,001 - 175,000 | \$16.10 | |
| FROM | 175,001 - 225,000 | \$13.50 | |
| FROM | 225,001 - 750,000 | \$12.80 | |
| FROM | 750,001 - 1,000,000 | \$12.70 | |
| FROM | 1,000,001 - 2,000,000 | \$11.20 | |
| FROM | 2,000,001 & OVER | \$ 5.80 | |

B. Any metered account dedicated to outside usage only shall be billed at a rate of one and one half (1 ½) the current rate. Additionally, any metered outside usage only account that has no usage for an entire three (3) month period shall have no bill for that period. All metered usage of these accounts will be billed for water consumption only. There will also be a charge for new meter installation.

There shall be an additional charge of one-dollar (\$1.00) per quarter for every water service connection, whether metered or non-metered, to cover costs of emergency repairs to private water service pipes located in City streets.

2. Buildings having water main service shall have a charge of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per quarter.
3. Vacant lots having water main service shall have a charge of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per quarter, billed once a year at a total of \$40.00 (forty dollars) on the first billing of each year. For billing purposes, each 100 feet of frontage (or part thereof) shall constitute a lot charge.
4. Buildings, which have services that have not been used (metered) throughout the three-month billing period, shall have a charge of \$15.00 (fifteen dollars).
5. Fire hydrants and other unmetered fire protection appurtenances, located outside of building(s) but within private property, shall be charged \$50.00 (fifty dollars) per hydrant or appurtenance per quarter.
6. Buildings or properties which are not metered or that have dead readers shall have a charge of \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) per quarter.
7. Accounts outside the City of Saratoga Springs shall be charged triple the rate and a \$10.00 (ten dollars) basic service charge, except those accounts, which presently exist in the Milton portion of Geysers Crest.
8. All billings shall be charged to the last date of consumer readings.
9. All accounts must be individually metered and all usage must first pass through such meter before supplying any part or parcel of the property serviced.
10. There will be a charge of \$75.00 (seventy-five dollars) for storage of any meter, per occurrence.
11. In the event that a meter is lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed, the property owner shall be responsible for replacement or repair costs. The minimum charge per occurrence shall be based on meter size, as follows:

| Meter Size | Repair/Replacement Charge |
|------------|---------------------------|
| | <u>2017</u> |
| 5/8" | \$290.00 |
| 3/4" | \$325.00 |
| 1" | \$380.00 |

12. Tapping fees shall be \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) for ¾ inch and 1 inch taps that are presently serving existing water accounts within the City’s water distribution system (cost for replacement tap only).

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13. No adjustment or refunds shall be granted except in cases where an account is in error and such adjustment shall be made on the next billing date.
14. The Commissioner of Public Works shall have the authority to establish rules and determine rates in special circumstances, not to exceed \$500.00 (five hundred dollars).
15. There shall be a non-recurring charge for the installation of a water meter on all new accounts. Charge shall be based on size as follows:

| Meter Size | Installation Charge |
|------------|---------------------|
| | <u>2017</u> |
| 5/8” | \$290.00 |
| 3/4” | \$325.00 |
| 1” | \$380.00 |

Where multiple dwellings are to be constructed, a lump sum payment of this fee, for all planned units, shall be required prior to connection to any water main.

16. Pursuant to Water-Sewer Chapter 231 Section 54 of the City Code: There shall be a minimum hydrant charge of \$ 200.00 (two hundred dollars) for hydrants connected to the City’s water system. There will be an additional metered water charge based on current water rates for usage. Use of hydrants, for demolition, etc., shall be at the sole discretion of the Commissioner of Public Works.
17. Temporary meters:

There shall be a minimum charge of \$ \$150.00 (one hundred fifty dollars) for a temporary water meter used. Additionally, there will be a metered water charge based on current water rates for usage.
18. Non-Payment of Bills for Residents Outside of the City Limits:

The Commissioner of Public Works is authorized to direct that the water service to a user be shut off 10 (ten) days after a delinquent notice is mailed if payment is not received by that time. When shut off, water shall not be turned back on except upon payment of the arrears amount of the utility bill plus an additional reactivation fee of \$80.00 (eighty dollars).
19. A separate charge of \$60.00 (sixty dollars) shall be assessed in all instances where estimated bills have been issued to an account for three consecutive quarters.

20. Commencing with the July 2012 water utility bill, there shall be an additional charge on all accounts which have been active and/or metered during the previous three (3) month period or any part of said three (3) month period with the exception of sprinkler accounts. This additional charge shall cover costs of capital improvements to the City's water system.

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\$ 15.00 \$ per quarter for meter size one (1) inch or less;
\$ 50.00 \$ per quarter for meter size greater than one (1) inch but less than six (6) inches;
\$250.00 per quarter for meter size six (6) inches or greater

21. Commencing with the April 2015 water utility bill, there shall be an additional charge on all accounts which have been active and/or metered during the previous three (3) month period or any part of said three (3) month period with the exception of sprinkler accounts. as follows:

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\$2.00 per quarter for meter size one (1) inch or less;
\$4.00 per quarter for meter size greater than one (1) inch but less than six (6) inches;
\$6.00 per quarter for meter size six (6) inches or greater

This additional charge is imposed for the purpose of reimbursing the City's general fund for transfers made from the general fund to the water fund for a number of years. It is intended that the additional charge shall remain in effect only until the general fund has been reimbursed for such transfers.