

CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE

ORDINANCE NO. 2738

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE,
WASHINGTON, AMENDING MOUNTLAKE TERRACE MUNICIPAL
CODE (MTMC) CHAPTER 13.05 RELATING TO
UTILITY RATES AND CHARGES**

WHEREAS, the City of Mountlake Terrace provides water service to the customers of Mountlake Terrace; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has adopted financial policies to ensure the fiscal integrity and viability of the water utility; and

WHEREAS, the City has evaluated the needs of the water utility and found that additional revenues are needed in order to replace aging water infrastructure, and provide for additional operation and maintenance resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Amendment. Section 13.05.110, Water service capital improvement and installation fees, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.110 Water service capital improvement and installation fees.

Water capital improvement fees shall be imposed on new water connections and installations as follows:

A. Meters shall be charged according to the schedule of capital improvement (water connection fees). The fees are fully due and payable prior to the installation.

B. Meters installed by City Public Works shall be installed on a time and expense basis. The customer shall be required to pay the capital improvement fee and provide an installation deposit based upon the City's estimate of the final installation cost. When the actual installation costs are less than the installation deposit, the difference will be returned to the customer. When the actual installation costs are more than the installation deposit, the difference will be billed to the customer and is due prior to granting occupancy permits.

C. Owners or developers of single-family residential homes with residential fire sprinkler systems shall be charged only one equivalent residential unit (ERU) for up to a one-inch meter at the time of service connection.

The capital improvement (buy in) fee and installation fee, which is effective January 1, 2019 unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Water Connection Fees		
Meter Size	ERU Weighting Factor	Capital Improvement (Buy-In) Fee
5/8" x 3/4"	1	\$5,422
1"	2.5	\$13,555
1-1/2"	5	\$27,110
2"	8	\$43,376
3"	15	\$81,330
4"	25	\$135,550
6"	50	\$271,100
Installation fee shall be based on the current Civil Engineering Construction Development Fees		

Section 2. Amendment. Section 13.05.130, Utility charges – Water service to single-family residences, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.130 Utility charges – Water service to single-family residences.

The base charge (billed bimonthly) for water service for each single-family residence shall be based on the number of non-irrigation water meter installations and the water delivered through the service meter(s).

Usage Charge: Three (3) consumption blocks will be established for single-family. The size of the first block will be 0 to 1,000 cubic feet of water consumed bimonthly. The second block will be 1,001 to 3,200 cubic feet of water consumed bimonthly. The third block will be over 3,200 cubic feet of water consumed bimonthly.

The charge, which is effective January 1, for the year specified herein, and all subsequent years unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Residential Bimonthly Water Rates					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base charge/bi-mo.	\$35.72	\$38.58	\$41.66	\$45.83	\$50.41
Usage Charge/CCF					
0 – 1,000 cubic feet/bi-mo.	\$4.93	\$5.32	\$5.75	\$6.33	\$6.96
1,001 – 3,200 cubic feet/bi-mo.	\$5.93	\$6.40	\$6.92	\$7.61	\$8.37
Over 3,200 cubic feet/bi-mo.	\$7.68	\$8.29	\$8.96	\$9.85	\$10.84

Section 3. Amendment. Section 13.05.140, Utility charges – Water service to multi-family structures, duplexes and mobile home parks, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.140 Utility charges – Water service to multi-family structures, duplexes and mobile home parks.

The base charge and rates (billed bimonthly) for each multi-family structure, duplex, or mobile home park shall be based on the size of the meter and the water delivered through the non-irrigation service meter(s). The charge, which is effective January 1, for the year specified herein, and all subsequent years unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Multi-Family Bimonthly Water Rates					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Charge/Bimonthly per Meter Size					
5/8"	\$52.12	\$56.29	\$60.79	\$66.87	\$73.56
3/4"	\$68.02	\$73.46	\$79.34	\$87.27	\$96.00
1"	\$99.86	\$107.85	\$116.48	\$128.12	\$140.94
1.5"	\$179.38	\$193.73	\$209.23	\$230.15	\$253.17
2"	\$274.94	\$296.94	\$320.69	\$352.76	\$388.03
3"	\$499.06	\$538.98	\$582.10	\$640.31	\$704.35
4"	\$817.46	\$882.86	\$953.49	\$1,048.83	\$1,153.72
6"	\$1,613.34	\$1,742.41	\$1,881.80	\$2,069.98	\$2,276.98
Usage Charge/CCF					
All Usage	\$5.48	\$5.92	\$6.39	\$7.03	\$7.73

Section 4. Amendment. Section 13.05.150, Utility charges – Commercial and/or industrial, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.150 Utility charges – Commercial and/or industrial.

The base charge and rates (billed bimonthly) for water service to commercial and/or industrial structures shall be based on the size of the meter and the water delivered through those service meter(s). The charge for each non-irrigation meter(s), which is effective January 1, for the year specified herein, and all subsequent years unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Commercial and/or Industrial Bimonthly Water Rates					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Charge/Bimonthly per Meter Size					
5/8"	\$60.36	\$65.19	\$70.40	\$77.44	\$85.19
3/4"	\$80.38	\$86.81	\$93.76	\$103.13	\$113.44
1"	\$120.46	\$130.10	\$140.50	\$154.55	\$170.01
1.5"	\$220.60	\$238.25	\$257.31	\$283.04	\$311.34
2"	\$340.90	\$368.17	\$397.63	\$437.39	\$481.13
3"	\$622.72	\$672.54	\$726.34	\$798.97	\$878.87
4"	\$1,023.54	\$1,105.42	\$1,193.86	\$1,313.24	\$1,444.57
6"	\$2,025.50	\$2,187.54	\$2,362.54	\$2,598.80	\$2,858.68
Usage Charge/CCF					
All Usage	\$5.52	\$5.96	\$6.44	\$7.08	\$7.79

Section 5. Amendment. Section 13.05.160, Utility charges – Water service for irrigation, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.160 Utility charges – Water service for irrigation.

The base charge and rates (billed bimonthly) for water service for irrigation shall be based on the size of the meter and the water delivered through the irrigation service meter(s). The charge, which is effective January 1, for the year specified herein, and all subsequent years unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Irrigation Bimonthly Water Rates					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Charge/Bimonthly per Meter Size					
5/8"	\$26.28	\$28.38	\$30.65	\$33.72	\$37.09
3/4"	\$29.26	\$31.60	\$34.13	\$37.54	\$41.30
1"	\$35.28	\$38.10	\$41.15	\$45.27	\$49.79
1.5"	\$50.22	\$54.24	\$58.58	\$64.43	\$70.88
2"	\$68.28	\$73.74	\$79.64	\$87.61	\$96.37
3"	\$111.56	\$120.48	\$130.12	\$143.14	\$157.45
4"	\$171.64	\$185.37	\$200.20	\$220.22	\$242.24
6"	\$321.70	\$347.44	\$375.23	\$412.75	\$454.03
Usage Charge/CCF					
All Usage	\$8.46	\$9.14	\$9.87	\$10.85	\$11.94

Section 6. Amendment. Section 13.05.165, Utility charges – Water service for mixed-use developments, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.165 Utility charges – Water service to mixed-use developments.

The base charge and rates (billed bimonthly) for mixed-use developments shall be based on the size of the meter and the water delivered through the service meter(s). The charge, which is effective January 1, for the year specified herein, and all subsequent years unless and until amended by the City Council, shall be as follows:

Mixed-Use Bimonthly Water Rates					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Base Charge/Bimonthly per Meter Size					
5/8"	\$61.12	\$66.01	\$71.29	\$78.42	\$86.26
3/4"	\$81.52	\$88.04	\$95.08	\$104.59	\$115.05
1"	\$122.36	\$132.15	\$142.72	\$156.99	\$172.69
1.5"	\$224.40	\$242.35	\$261.74	\$287.91	\$316.71
2"	\$346.98	\$374.74	\$404.72	\$445.19	\$489.71
3"	\$634.12	\$684.85	\$739.64	\$813.60	\$894.96
4"	\$1,042.56	\$1,125.96	\$1,216.04	\$1,337.65	\$1,471.41
6"	\$2,063.54	\$2,228.62	\$2,406.91	\$2,647.60	\$2,912.36
Usage Charge/CCF					
All Usage	\$5.30	\$5.72	\$6.18	\$6.80	\$7.48

Section 7. Amendment. Section 13.05.375, Discount for low income senior citizens and disabled citizens, of the Mountlake Terrace Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.05.375 Discount for low income senior citizens and disabled citizens.

Mountlake Terrace property owners over the age of 62 living on the property in a household with an aggregate income equal to or less than 140 percent of the established federal poverty level as now or hereinafter amended shall be eligible to qualify for a 30 percent discount on water, sewer and storm water charges. Mountlake Terrace disabled property owners who qualify for special parking as defined by RCW 46.16.381, are blind as defined by RCW 74.18.02, or is disabled, handicapped, or incapacitated as defined by any other existing state or federal program, is living on the property in a household with an aggregate income equal to or less than 140 percent of the established federal poverty level as now or hereinafter amended shall be eligible to qualify for a 30 percent discount on water, sewer and storm water charges. To qualify for the 30 percent discount, applicants must complete an application form provided by the City and submit proof of income to the City Manager or designee. The discount will be effective with the next regular billing following approval of an application.

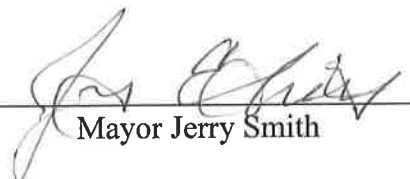
Section 8. Corrections. The City Clerk and codifiers of the ordinance are authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance including, but not limited to, the correction of scrivener/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers and any references thereto.

Section 9. Conflict. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances of the City of Mountlake Terrace in conflict herewith, be and the same, are hereby repealed.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance.

Section 11. Publication and Effective Date. This Ordinance or a summary thereof consisting of the title, shall be published in the official newspaper of the City and shall take effect and be in full force on January 1, 2019.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Mountlake Terrace this 3rd day of December, 2018, and signed in authentication of its passage this 3rd day of December, 2018.



Mayor Jerry Smith

ATTEST: 

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 

Gregory G. Schrag, City Attorney