

CITY OF VENETA

RESOLUTION NO. 1055

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING WATER FEES AND RATES
FOR USERS OF THE VENETA MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM
AND REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 1041**

WHEREAS, Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.05, Water, authorizes the establishment of water rates by resolution; and

WHEREAS, Veneta Municipal Code Chapter 13.20 provides for the control of cross-connections within the city water system; and

WHEREAS, the City contracted with Oregon Association of Water Utilities to conduct a Water Rate Study; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2008 the City Council was presented with and discussed recommendations from the study including three options (Options A, B and C) outlining a method to calculate water rates and fees pertaining to water use; and

WHEREAS, the City Council opted for Option C (Commercial Subsidy), by approving Resolution No. 986 on December 8, 2008, with future semi-annual increases to the water base and use fees of 3% for a period of several years; and

WHEREAS, the City Council understands that rate increases are necessary to keep pace with the costs of providing water connections and services; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council approved Resolution No. 1008 on June 22, 2009, Resolution No. 1016 on January 20, 2010, Resolution No. 1030 on June 28, 2010, and Resolution No. 1041 to implement the increases recommended; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has provided an opportunity for public comment as required by ORS 294.160;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby resolved by the Veneta City Council that the following fees and water rates be established:

SECTION 1. WATER SERVICE CONNECTION

The following fees shall be paid prior to any connection to the Veneta Municipal Water System:

1. Single Water Meters Installation/Connections

3/4" Meter	\$ 800.00
1" Meter	\$ 900.00
1-1/2" Meter	Cost plus 20%
2" Meter	Cost plus 20%
2-1/2" Meter	\$1,250.00 (or cost plus 20%, whichever is greater)
Meters 3" and larger	Cost plus 20%
Fire Sprinkler Meters	Cost plus 20% (all sizes)

2. Multiple Dwelling Units Installation/Connections
Connection charges for multiple family dwellings shall be \$800.00 per dwelling unit when individual meters are installed for each dwelling unit.

Connection charges for multiple family dwellings shall be \$200.00 per dwelling unit when a single master meter is used for all dwelling units.
3. Future Assessment Policy
If a parcel of property is presently being served by water, but has not been assessed for the cost of the installation of the water line which is installed to city standards, the payment of the connection fee does not waive the city's right to assess the benefited property for the cost of installing a water line in the future.

SECTION 2. WATER SERVICE RATES

It is the users' and/or property owners' responsibility to notify the City when there is any kind of a change in status (i.e. active to non-active), number of units occupied, and/or change of user and/or property owner(s).

The following water rates shall be paid by all users of the Veneta Municipal Water System:

1. Water Base Charge
 - (a) Residences, Churches and all other non-commercial users shall be billed a water base charge of **\$10.42** per unit per month. This per unit charge will apply to all "active" accounts whether or not usage is charged.
 - (b) Commercial and Industrial users shall be billed a water base charge of **\$19.69** per unit per month. This per unit charge will apply to all "active" accounts whether or not usage is charged.
 - (c) There will be no monthly base charge for Fire Sprinkler Systems unless water usage has occurred during the month.
 - (d) There will be no base charge for Irrigation Systems or other water systems not connected to city sewer unless water usage has occurred during the month.
 - (e) All water base charges outlined in 1.(a)(b)(c)(d) will be for the month being billed (i.e., September 30 billing covers the period September 1 through September 30). Base charges will be pro-rated for partial months, when the City is notified of a change in user and/or owner(s).
2. Water Use Fees
 - (a) All Residential and other non-commercial users, except in (c) and (d) below, shall pay **\$2.27** per full 1,000 gallons of water used each month up to 5,000 gallons, **\$2.70** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 5,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons, then **\$3.24** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 15,000 gallons.
 - (b) All Commercial users shall pay **\$2.32** per full 1,000 gallons of water used each month up to 10,000 gallons, **\$2.90** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 10,000 and up to 20,000 gallons, and then **\$3.48** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 20,000 gallons.

- (c) Water rates to non-commercial users outside Veneta City limits shall be **\$3.30** per full 1,000 gallons of water used each month up to 5,000 gallons, **\$3.91** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 5,000 gallons and up to 15,000 gallons, then **\$4.71** per full 1,000 gallons of water used over 15,000 gallons, plus a **\$10.42** water base charge.
- (d) Bulk water customers shall pay a **\$10.42** water base charge plus a usage charge of **\$3.30** per full 1,000 gallons of water purchased up to 5,000 gallons, **\$3.91** per full 1,000 gallons of water purchased over 5,000 gallons up to 15,000 gallons, then **\$4.71** per full 1,000 gallons of water purchased over 15,000 gallons. The Public Works Superintendent may authorize the sale of water in bulk amounts.

SECTION 3. DEPOSITS

- 1. Deposit Required: At the time of sign-up for monthly water service, the user shall pay a \$15.00 water deposit.
- 2. Refund of Deposit:
 - (a) Upon cancellation of the water service, for a particular user, the water deposit shall be applied to that user's water account. Any deposit amount remaining will then be refunded to the user or payer.
 - (b) After two years any user or payer may apply in writing to the City for a refund of the deposit. The billing clerk may refund the deposit if the user has paid all water bills in full and has not had more than one delinquent payment during that period.

SECTION 4. MISCELLANEOUS FEES

1.	Testing water meter at user's request.....	\$ 25.00
2.	Service Restoration following shut-off for non-payment.....	\$ 40.00
3.	Penalty for turn-on without authority: 1st Offense.....	\$ 40.00
	2nd Offense.....	\$ 80.00
4.	Removal or replacement of meter at user's request.....	\$ 50.00
5.	Moving or altering a meter.....	Cost plus 20%
6.	Repair of damage to water meter or city lines.....	Cost plus 20%
7.	Penalty for payments made 30 days after due date (per month)	\$ 5.00
8.	Door hanger charge.....	\$ 15.00
9.	City shut-off when the cross-connection is in non-compliance (to property owner).....	\$ 40.00
10.	Returned check fee.....	\$ 25.00

SECTION 5. NOTICE OF PENDING WATER SHUT-OFF

Notice of pending water shut-off shall be mailed to users, property owners and/or property managers when a water account has a 30 day balance on their account that exceeds \$10.00.

SECTION 6. DEFINITIONS

1. Dwelling Unit: A building (stick-built or prefabricated) or section of a building providing complete independent living facilities, designed for occupancy by one family and including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation.
2. Commercial and Industrial Units: A structure or section of a structure providing separate rest room facilities, including toilets, or separate plumbing fixtures and designed for occupancy by one or more businesses or tenants.
3. Active Accounts: A water account on which the City has not been notified that the water service is to be turned off.
4. Service Month: For billing purposes the monthly water base fee covers the period beginning with the first (1st) day of the month and ending with the last day of the month. The fee is prorated for partial months.

SECTION 7. REVIEW

The City Budget Committee and City Council may review the water fees, rates, revenues and water system operation and maintenance expenditures annually during the budget process.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING CLAUSE

This resolution shall take effect with the utility bills for the period ending July 31, 2011. Resolution No. 1041 is repealed upon the effective date of this resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Veneta City Council this 13 day of June, 2011.


Sharon Hobart-Hardin, Mayor

ATTEST:


Darci Henneman, Assistant City Recorder