

ORDINANCE 6-2014

AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3, 2013, ORDINANCE NO. 2, 2013
ORDINANCE ORDINANCE NO. 5, 2010 ORDINANCE NO.4, 2008, ORDINANCE
NO. 2, 2007 ESTABLISHING WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED CITY OF
WURLAND WATER CUSTOMERS AND OTHER MATTERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WURLAND,
GREENUP COUNTY KENTUCKY, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE FIFTH
CLASS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That in order to provide a safe and adequate supply of potable water to the customers and users of water distributed by the City of Wurland, and to keep the water sinking fund and maintenance fund solvent, it is necessary and the City Commission does hereby establish a schedule of reasonable charges for such water volume use.

SECTION 2. The following charges shall be made to customers and users of water furnished by the City of Wurland, as set forth on Exhibit "A" hereto, incorporated herein by reference as is set forth verbatim: The minimum water bill shall be increased to ~~\$19.00~~ \$19.74.

EXHIBIT "A"
Water Rates

<u>QUANTITY CONSUMED</u>	<u>PRICE</u>
0-2,000 GALLONS	\$19.00 <u>\$19.74</u> Minimum FEE
2,001 - 20,000 Gallons	7.12 Per Thousand Gallons used
20,001- AND UP	6.87 Per Thousand Gallons used

For customers and users of the City of Wurland water who reside outside the City's corporate limits, the surcharge shall be ten (\$10.00) Dollars.

A \$1.00 hydrant fee and \$2.00 sewer surcharge will be added to all water/sewer customers.

SECTION 3: The flat rate for sewer only customers shall be set at \$38.40 per month. ~~Flat rate for commercial customers with sewer only shall be set at \$292.20 per month.~~ Commercial customers with sewer only will be billed according to their water consumption. DuPont will be adjusted according to flow through their sewer.

Exhibit "B"
Sewer Rates Beginning June

QUANTITY	PRICE
0-2,000 GALLONS	\$20.90 ESTABLISHED MINIMUM FEE
2,000-20,000	\$ 7.43 PER THOUSAND
20,001 and up	\$7.15 PER THOUSAND

Sewer Rates Beginning July

QUANTITY	PRICE
0-2,000 GALLONS	\$22.80 ESTABLISHED MINIMUM FEE
2,000-20,000	\$ 8.10 PER THOUSAND
20,001 and up	\$7.80 PER THOUSAND

Sewer Rates Beginning August

QUANTITY	PRICE
0-2,000 GALLONS	\$24.70 ESTABLISHED MINIMUM FEE
2,000-20,000	\$ 8.77 PER THOUSAND
20,001 and up	\$8.45 PER THOUSAND

SECTION 4: All monies derived from the sale of water under this ordinance shall be paid into the water fund by the City of Wurtland for the purposes defined and established by existing ordinances and all sewer funds shall be paid into the sewer fund.

SECTION 5: The City shall bill its water customers monthly on the 1st day of the month and the customer shall pay said bill and the same shall be due and owing on or before the 18th day of said month.

The bill shall be delinquent on the 19th day of the month billed and a penalty of ten (10%) shall be added for failure to pay when due.

Failure to pay said bill after negligently or willfully allowing same to become delinquent shall authorize the City to terminate water service after the 10th day following the due date. Partial payments will be accepted but will not delay termination of water service.

Where the water supply to the customer has been discontinued for nonpayment of delinquent bills, a charge of \$50.00 will be made for reconnection of water service, but the reconnection will not be made until after all delinquent bills and other charges, if any, owed by the customer to the City have been paid. Partial payments will be accepted but will not be cause for reconnection until full payment has been made.

Water meters are the property of the City of Wurtland and are not to be tampered with in any manner by the customer or their representative. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Where a check has been returned for insufficient funds the customer will be given three (3) days to pick up the returned check with a \$30 returned check fee. If the check has not been picked up the water will be locked off on the fourth day. After a customer has two (2) checks returned for insufficient funds the customer must pay by cash or money order. Checks will no longer be accepted from this customer.

SECTION 6: Security for payment of charges is as follows:

(1) Commercial and individual purchasers of water from the water works, owned and operated by the City, shall become customers by making a cash deposit of \$100.00 with the Clerk of the water works, before said service shall be furnished. Said deposit shall be refundable after deducting any balances left due and owing upon the discontinuance of said services. Homeowners who have put up a deposit will have that deposit credited to their account after one year if their bill is current.

(2) In the event that a present water service shall be cut off for delinquency, it will not be renewed until provisions of division (1) are complied with.

SECTION 7: It is specifically understood that the City of Wurtland purchases water at the cost from other local cities. The cost of the water so purchased is the base for how the charges to customers in the City of Wurtland and users of the City of Wurtland water system are calculated. The price that the City of Wurtland must pay for water to be supplied to water customers in the City of Wurtland increases from time to time, and the City of Wurtland will pass this increase in cost on to its customers plus up to 25% of the increase.

SECTION 8: Customers will be entitled to a maximum of only one water adjustment per year. The customer's bill will be based on two components. The first step will be to calculate the customer's average monthly usage over a twelve-month period. The second step will be to deduct the customer's average monthly usage (as calculated above) from the total amount of water that passed through the meter. The usage calculated in step one will be billed at the utility's regular rates, while the remaining usage will be charged at the per thousand gallon wholesale rate charged by our supplier plus a 10% conveyance charge. All water passing through the meter must be accounted and paid for by the customer. Therefore, the customer will owe the amount of their bill plus the leak adjustment rate for the remainder of the water that passed through the meter.

SECTION 9: In the event of a water leak that does not involve water entering the sewage system, the customer will be entitled to a sewer adjustment. The sewer usage will be calculated using the formula in Section 8.

SECTION 10: In the event of rental property, the owner of the property is responsible for payment of water/sewer services for that property, provided the Water Department has disconnected the water in accordance with Section 5.

SECTION 11: A standard water tap fee of \$500 will be charged for taps inside the City and \$800 outside the City. Customers will be charged the actual cost for any extra work such as boring under the road or running into rock. Meters larger than 3/4 shall be at actual cost.

SECTION 12: A standard sewer tap fee of \$500 will be charged for taps inside the City. Customers will be charged the actual cost for any extra work such as boring under the road and running into rock.

SECTION 13: That each section of this ordinance is enacted separately, and the invalidity or unconstitutionality of any particular section shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 14: That all ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of any such conflict only.

SECTION 15: That this ordinance shall become effective from and after its passage, approval and publication as require by law.

HONORABLE DONNA K. HAYES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DEBORAH SCYTHES, CITY CLERK

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