

**CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE 2008-01**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2007-01, "AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES, FEES, GUIDELINES AND RATES FOR WATER & SEWER SERVICE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY; CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALER CLAUSE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE" BY INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF REQUIRED SECURITY DEPOSITS AND RECONNECT FEES; FOR ESTABLISHING PROCEDURE WHERE SEWER RATEPAYERS MAY HAVE WATER SERVICE TERMINATED BY A WATER DISTRICT OR WATER ASSOCIATION FOR NON-PAYMENT OF MUNICIPAL SEWER CHARGES; AND CONTAINING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALER CLAUSE, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

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WHEREAS, the City of Russellville deems it to be in the best interests of the ratepayers to increase the amounts required for security deposits, and reconnect fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in and for the City of Russellville desires to utilize the procedure laid out in KRS 96.930 et seq., to order water districts and water associations to terminate service to delinquent city sewer ratepayers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL IN AND FOR THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

**I. SECTION G IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

**G. RATES AND FEES FOR SERVICES**

1. ~~\$100.00~~ 150.00 refundable security deposit is required for each application for new or existing service when the applicant is the property owner. Proof of ownership (a deed) is required. A \$250.00 refundable security deposit is required when the applicant is lessee of the property.
2. The water cut-on fee for existing service is \$35.00 during normal working hours, ~~\$45.00~~ 50.00 after hours.
3. The cost of installation of new residential service is as follows:

5/8" Meter including all mounting hardware and box	\$ 187.00
Tap on fee	300.00
Cut on fee	35.00
<b>Total:</b>	<u><b>\$522.00</b></u>

4. Charges for commercial or industrial meters (or meters larger than 5/8") will be determined at the time of application, depending on the type of service required.
5. Sewer tap on fee for new service is \$300.00 for each new house, mobile home, or building.
6. Reconnect fee to re-establish service due to non-payment is \$50.00 during normal working hours, \$65.00 after hours. When service has been terminated due to non-payment, the refundable security deposit for lessees of property will increase to \$500. This additional deposit may be paid at the rate of \$50 per month.
7. An extension prior to disconnecting service may be granted by the Office Administrator. A \$35.00 Extension Fee will be charged.
8. If a customer calls to report a leak, the City will recommend that they check for visible and audible leaks. Customers will be advised to first determine if the leak is on their property or inside the residence or building. If the City is requested to check for leaks and it is determined to be the customer's responsibility, a \$25.00 per hour service charge will apply during normal working hours, \$35.00 per hour after normal working hours. The minimum charge is \$25.00 during normal working hours, \$35.00 after normal working hours. Service calls for leaks which are determined to be on City service lines will be at the expense of the City.
9. Customers may request that their meter be tested if they believe that it is not metering correctly. If the customer requests that the meter be tested, a replacement meter will be set at no charge if the meter is found to be defective. If the original meter is found to be accurate after testing, a \$25.00 service charge will apply.
10. Customers may request that a meter be provided for the purpose of leak testing new or repaired water lines on private property. The City will provide this service at the rate of \$25.00 per hour with a \$25.00 minimum charge. This service is available only during normal working hours.
11. There is a \$25.00 charge for returned checks.
12. Water is made available for fire protection to the point of connection to fire hydrants at no charge. Any other withdrawal of water from fire hydrants or the fire protection system is strictly prohibited without the express approval of the City.

- 13. Cross-Connections are prohibited by 401 KAR 8:020. A cross connection is any physical connection between two otherwise separate systems one of which contains potable water and the other does not. Attaching to any portion of the water distribution system, including fire hydrants, is strictly prohibited. This requirement is based on the need to protect the water supply from contamination due to backflow or backsiphonage.
- 14. If a customer requests a meter be set for water only service (no discharge to the sewer), the same charges will apply as for new water service.
- 15. Administrative Fee: An administrative fee for facilities with grease discharges is assessed by the City of Russellville. The fee is established to insure full cost recovery and shall include but not be limited to the cost of field, administrative, engineering, and clerical expenses involved. The fee is \$100.00 per year for each facility. This annual administrative fee shall be applied to the customer's July Water & sewer service bill and be paid in accordance with the City of Russellville Sewer Use Ordinance.
- 16. Water and sewer usage rates are as follows:

**WATER:**

First 1,000 gallons	\$13.29
Next 19,000 gallons	11.44
Next 30,000 gallons	10.06
Next 50,000 gallons	9.15
Next 400,000 gallons	8.24
Over 500,000 gallons	7.33
Water crisis surcharge	.55

**SEWER:**

Per 1,000 gallons	8.95
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A regional consumer price index will be used for any annual adjustments.

**II. A NEW SECTION "H" IS HEREBY CREATED AS FOLLOWS:**

H. Implementation Of KRS 96.930-96.943 For Monitoring Water Usage and Termination Of Water Service By A Water District Or Water Association Due To Non-Payment Of City Sewer Charges.

- 1. The City of Russellville will pay a water district or water association \$2.00 per month to provide individual water meter readings for customers who

are also Russellville sewer customers. Russellville will pass along this \$2.00 charge to the customers of the water district or association each month.

2. The City of Russellville can order a water district or water association to cut off the water to any customer who is delinquent on a Russellville sewer bill, and such order shall be honored within thirty (30) days of its receipts.
3. The City of Russellville will pay a reasonable disconnect fee, not to exceed \$75.00, to a water district or water association to honor the order, and this fee shall be passed along by the City of Russellville to the customer of the water district or water association.
4. A representative of the City of Russellville will be present when a water district or water association employee disconnects water for nonpayment of sewer service.
5. The City of Russellville will be responsible for any water meter damaged by a water district or water association customer as a result of the disconnection, and any such damages paid will be passed along to such customer by the City of Russellville.

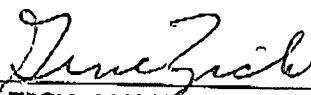
**II. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.** If any section, subsection, or clause of this ordinance shall be deemed to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, and clauses shall not be affected.

**III. REPEALER CLAUSE.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed. This ordinance specifically repeals Article VIII (G)(2) of Ordinance 2002-11 (as amended)(administrative fee for grease discharges).

**IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication as required by law.

**FIRST READING** conducted the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2008.

**SECOND READING and passage** on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

  
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GENE ZICK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
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BOB RIGGS, CITY CLERK

**Ayes:** Davenport, Jimmy; Jones, Russell; McPherson, Lanny; Philips, Chuck; Stratton, Mark; Whipple, Jack.

**Nays:** none.

**Absent:** none.

**Abstaining:** none.