

**CITY OF STANWOOD**  
**Stanwood, Washington**

**ORDINANCE 1354**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON,  
ADJUSTING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER UTILITY  
SERVICES AND AMENDING SECTION 12.16.010 OF THE  
STANWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE.**

**WHEREAS**, the city council of the City of Stanwood has the authority to establish utility rates by ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the city needs to adequately provide for future replacement of water infrastructure on an ongoing basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the city's utilities are expected to be financially self-sufficient; and

**WHEREAS**, the city, by and through a qualified consultant, FCS Group, conducted a study and analysis of the city's rates and charges and the anticipated needs of the water utility; and

**WHEREAS**, city staff has updated the FCS study with actual, current financial activity (revenues and expenditures) for the water utility since the study was performed in December 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive analysis of water rates has been presented to city council for consideration and discussion at a city council workshop on January 31, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, a further revised, comprehensive analysis of water rates has been presented to city council for consideration and discussion at a city council workshop on June 20, 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the city's finance committee, based on its review of water rates, recommends future adjustments to ensure the financial self-sufficiency of the water utility.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STANWOOD, WASHINGTON DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. SMC Section 12.16.010 Water service rates is hereby amended to read as follows:

**12.16.010 Water service rates.**

(1) For the furnishing of service to users and potential users of the city water system, the rates and charges per month are established for the classifications indicated below.

(2) Water Service Rates – Metered Water. The following rates will be applied for monthly water service:

(a) Monthly Minimum Charges by Meter Size – Effective January 1, 20142014.

Meter Size (inches)	Quantity Allowed (hundreds cubic feet)	Monthly of Minimum Base Charge
3/4	6	<u>\$22.10</u> <del>49.09</del>
1	10	<u>\$36.89</u> <del>31.87</del>
1-1/2	20	<u>\$73.58</u> <del>63.56</del>
2	40	<u>\$117.77</u> <del>101.73</del>
3	80	<u>\$220.94</u> <del>190.86</del>
4	150	<u>\$368.31</u> <del>318.16</del>

(b) Charges for Consumption in Excess of the Quantity Allowed (by Hundreds of Cubic Feet) – Effective January 1, 20142014.

(i) All amounts in excess of quantity allowed, unless included in the monthly minimum base charge, shall be charged at \$2.89~~2.50~~ per each 100 cubic feet over the base quantity allowed.

(c) Effective January 1, 20152012, a five percent increase will be applied to the 20142011 monthly minimum charges by meter size and to the 20142011 charges for consumption in excess of the quantity allowed.

(d) Effective January 1, 20162013, a five percent increase will be applied to the 20152012 monthly minimum charges by meter size and to the 20152012 charges for consumption in excess of the quantity allowed.

(e) Effective January 1, 2017, a five percent increase will be applied to the 2016 monthly minimum charges by meter size and to the 2016 charges for consumption in excess of the quantity allowed.

(f) Effective January 1, 2018, a five percent increase will be applied to the 2017 monthly minimum charges by meter size and to the 2017 charges for consumption in excess of the quantity allowed.

(g) Effective January 1, 2019, a five percent increase will be applied to the 2018 monthly minimum charges by meter size and to the 2018 charges for consumption in excess of the quantity allowed.

(he) Water Service Outside the City Limits. Rates for services outside of the city of Stanwood shall be city rates as adopted, plus 45 percent.

(3) Conditions.

(a) In computation of bi-monthly bills for service, the monthly minimum base charge and the quantity allowed for each rate block shall be multiplied by two.

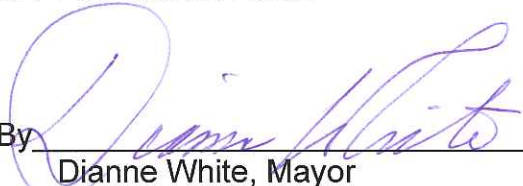
(b) When multiple dwelling units, each having bathroom and/or kitchen facilities, within a building are served by a single meter connection, the minimum charge per month shall be the minimum monthly charge for a three-quarter-inch meter times the number of dwellings served by the single meter. (Ord. 1290 § 3, 2011; Ord. 1259 § 2, 2009; Ord. 1189 § 3, 2006; Ord. 1128 § 1, 2002; Ord. 1101 § 1, 2000; Ord. 1085 § 1, 1999; Ord. 994 §§ 2 – 5, 1996; Ord. 831 § 1, 1991; Ord. 808 § 1, 1990; Ord. 788

§ 1, 1989; Ord. 749 § 1, 1988; Ord. 723 §§ 1, 2, 1987; Ord. 715 § 1, 1986; Ord. 709 § 1, 1986).

**PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.**


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By

  
Dianne White, Mayor

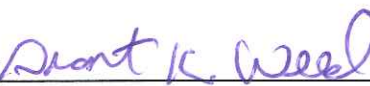
Attest:

By

  
Greg Thramer, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

By

  
Grant Weed, City Attorney

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