

At a regular meeting of the Council of the Town of Parksley, Virginia, held on the 4th day of March, 1975,

PRESENT: John H. Barker, Sr., Mayor, and Councilmen Arthur K. Fisher, Norman A. Brown, Jr., Paul C. Mears, E. Clyde Broache and Carl W. Balance, Jr., and John T. Williams, Sr.

ABSENT: None

The following Ordinance was adopted by unanimous vote:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING WATER USAGE AND RATES

BE IT ORDAINED that the Council of the Town of Parksley, Virginia, in the interest of supplying its citizens, businesses and commercial establishments with an adequate source and supply of safe, potable water, commensurate with its capabilities and in the interest of conservation of this valuable natural resource, does hereby adopt the following rules, regulations and rates governing the sale of same.

1. Rate Schedules, billing method and frequency shall be determined by the Council and amended at its discretion. Changes in rate schedules shall be effective at the beginning of a billing cycle, but in no case shall they be effected in less than thirty days after amendment.

2. ~~A connection fee in the amount of \$150.00 for each standard ¾ inch connection to the Town's water system shall be charged and paid by the applicant prior to the Town supplying water pressure. For supplying larger than ¾ inch service connection, the applicant shall pay the actual cost, including cost of meter if required, plus 10% of the total, in addition to the \$150.00 minimum connection fee. (8-12-85)~~

A connection fee in the amount of \$500 for each standard ¾ inch connection to the Town's water system shall be charged and paid by the applicant prior to the Town supplying water pressure. For supplying larger than ¾ inch service connection, the applicant shall pay the actual cost, including cost of meter if required, plus 10% of the total, in addition to the \$500.00 minimum connection fee. (3-14-88)

3. (a) No service larger than 2 inch pipe diameter or multiple connections the cumulative of which exceeds 2 inch pipe diameter, or any service expected to deliver in excess of 1,000 gallons per day shall be connected to the Town's water system without specific prior approval of the Council, which approval may be granted or denied in the discretion of the Council.

(b) ~~Applicants requesting more than one service connection to a single property shall pay the minimum connection fee determined by reference to paragraph 1 and 2 above for each connection and shall pay the applicable scheduled rate for each as set out in paragraph 10 below.~~

(b) is amended to provide- Applicants requesting more than one service connection to a single property shall pay the minimum connection fee determined by reference to paragraphs 1 and 2 above, as amended, for 10 of the Town Water Ordinance of March 4, 1975. (8-12-85)

(c) ~~Single service connections to multiple dwelling units, whether they be separate or connected units, shall be charged at the applicable paragraph 10 rate multiplied by the~~

~~number of dwelling units occupied, or shall have metered service, in the discretion of the Town. Where a single service is used to serve more than one use (i.e. home occupation), the applicable rate for each activity shall apply, in the absence of metered service.~~

(c) is amended to provide- Single service connections to multiple dwelling units, wheter they be separate or connected units, shall be charged at the applicable paragraph 10 rate multiplied by the number of dwelling units or apartments available for occupancy, or the charge determined by the water meter, whichever is greater. Where a single service is used to serve more than one use (i.e. home occupation), the applicable rate for each activity shall apply, in the absence of metered service.

4. With the intention of eventually converting to total metered service, the Town reserves the prerogative of installing meters and of charging at the applicable metered rate for service to any individual, group, block, or section of users. At his request and expense, an applicant may have a meter(s) installed by the Town.

5. Unauthorized connection, tampering with or damaging any part, fitting or valve of the Town-owned water system, pollution of or unauthorized use of Town water or any violation of this Ordinance shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of no less than \$25.00 or more than \$500.00.

6. Under no circumstances shall any cross connection to or from any other source of supply, storage tank or reservoir be allowed without approval by the Town and without approved backflow prevention devices.

7. Connections to the Town water system shall not be made unless the applicant has a workable master stop valve under his control and on his property.

8. The Town shall make no service connections to any property using water-cooled machinery or equipment without cooling towers or other reclaiming facilities, nor will service be supplied to any applicant where a continuous or excessive waste of water is anticipated.

~~9. Water services shall be discontinued for non payment when accounts become six months delinquent. A reconnection fee of \$10.00 plus the delinquency shall be collected before restoring services.~~

Unpaid bills become delinquent 30 days after the billing date and a late-payment of \$20.00 shall be added. Service may be cut off or disconnected if any portion of the delinquent bill or late-payment charge continues to be unpaid 40 days after the billing date. Notice shall be given by ordinary mail or by posting on the premises 10 days before cutoff or disconnection. A request in writing to the Town Clerk, stating reasons, may be made during the notice period for a hearing to show cause why service should not be cut off or disconnected. Cutoff or disconnection will be postponed pending a hearing before the Water Commission of the Council, which may make such resolution of the matter as may be reasonable and lawful. If a hearing is not requested during the notice period or if a hearing is requested and good cause is not shown and the total bill and late charge are not immediately paid and the Town's agent goes to cut off or disconnect service, such as cutoff or disconnection may be avoided only by paying the full bill, late-payment charge and a collection fee of \$20.00. If a hearing is not requested during the notice period and service is cutoff or disconnected, or if a hearing is requested and good cause is not shown and the total bill and late-payment charge are not immediately paid and service is cut off

or disconnected, a return of service or reconnection fee \$40.00 shall be paid in addition to the bill and late-payment charge before return of service or reconnection.

9a. When service is cut off or disconnected at the request of an owner or tenant for reasons other than construction, repairs or alterations promptly completed, or when there is a transfer of service from one owner or tenant to another owner or tenant necessarily requiring a transfer on the records of the Town Clerk, a transfer fee of \$15.00 shall be paid before return of service, reconnection or transfer.(6-7-83)

10. The following rates are hereby established and are to become effective with the first quarterly billing after the adoption of this Ordinance:

Schedule A flat rate

A minimum charge of \$9.00 per quarter for any service.

Domestic residence, single dwelling unit, \$9.00 per quarter.

Domestic residence, multiple dwelling units, \$9.00 per quarter multiplied by the number of occupied dwelling units, occupied for any part of a quarter.

Nursing Homes, \$1.50 per bed per quarter.

Beauty Parlors, \$30.00 per quarter.

Service Stations and Garages offering auto washing services, \$30.00 per quarter.

Retail establishments preparing and selling food, \$24.00 per quarter.

Dry Cleaning Plants, \$30.00 per quarter.

Commercial Laundries or Laundromats, \$75.00 per quarter.

Commercial, manufacturing and business establishments with restroom facilities and employing 20 or more people on a regular basis and not using water as a part of a manufacturing process, \$0.50 per quarter multiplied by the number of employees.

All other usages, \$9.00 per quarter.

Schedule B metered service

1-9,000 gal., \$9.00 per quarter.

Next 3,000 gal., \$0.75 per M.

Next 8,000 gal., \$0.65 per M.

Next 30,000 gal., \$0.55 per M.

Over 50,000 gal., \$0.40 per M.

11. Applicants who are not owners of the property for which any connection is requested shall pay a deposit of \$15.00 as a security for the payment of the applicable rate.

12. Delinquent charges for rates shall be added to owner –users real estate tax assessment annually and shall be recorded in the Town delinquent land book and shall constitute a lien upon the land, provided the landowner shall have reasonable notice of the impending lien.

John H. Barker

Mayor

Leone M. Drummond

Clerk

