

CHAPTER 23 WATER AND SEWER RATES

2.91. Definitions. Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meanings of terms used in this Chapter shall be as follows:

- (1) "Department" shall mean the City Department of Water. "Superintendent" shall mean the Superintendent of Water, or other person designated by the Council.
- (2) "Person" shall mean any individual, firm, association, public or private corporation or public agency or instrumentality.
- (3) "Premises" shall mean each lot or parcel of land, building or premises having any connection to the Water Distribution System of the City, or the Sewage Disposal System of the City.

2.92. Basis of Charges. All water service shall be charged for on the basis of water consumed as determined by the meter installed in the premises of water or sewage disposal service customers by the Department. All sewage disposal service and water service shall be charged for on the basis of water registered on a meter, and where furnished to any premises not having a meter, the water consumption shall be estimated by the Superintendent. No free water service or sewage disposal service shall be furnished to any person.

2.93. Water Rates. The rates to be charged for water service shall be those in effect in the City on the adoption of this Code, which shall continue until changed pursuant to resolution of the City Council on recommendation of the City Manager.

2.94. Sewer Rates. Charges for sewage disposal service shall be levied upon all premises having any sewer connection with the public sewers. The rates in effect on the adoption of this Code within the City shall continue until changed pursuant to resolution of the City Council on

recommendation of the City Manager.

2.95. Service to City. The City shall pay the same water and sewer rates for service to it as would be payable by a private customer for the same service.

2.96. Billing. Charges for all water service and sewage disposal service shall be billed and collected by the City Clerk. All water meters shall be read quarterly and bills rendered on the first of the month following the meter reading, which bills shall be immediately due and payable and may be paid without penalty up to and including the twentieth (20th) day of the month when rendered, and shall thereafter be subject to a ten (10%) per cent penalty, and service may be discontinued in accordance with section 2.97. If the 20th day falls on a Sunday or legal holiday the bill may be paid without penalty on the next business day.

2.97. Collection. The City Clerk is hereby authorized to enforce the payment of charges for water service to any premises by discontinuing the water service to such premises and the payment of charges for sewage disposal service to any premises may be enforced by discontinuing either the water service or the sewage disposal service to such premises, or both, and an action of assumpsit may be instituted by the City against the customer. The charges for water service and sewage disposal service, which, under the provisions of Act 94, Public Acts of 1933 of the State of Michigan, as amended, are made a lien on the premises to which furnished, are hereby recognized to constitute such lien; and the City Clerk shall, annually, on May 1, certify all unpaid charges for such services furnished to any premises which, on the thirtieth (30th) day of April preceding, have remained unpaid for a period of six (6) months, to the City Assessor who shall place the same on the next tax roll of the City. Such charges so assessed shall be collected in the same manner as general City taxes. In cases where the City is properly notified in accordance with said Act 94 of 1933, that a tenant is responsible for water or sewage disposal service charges, no such service shall be commenced or continued to such premises until there has been deposited with the City Clerk a sum sufficient to cover three (3) times the average quarterly bill for such premises as estimated by the Superintendent, such deposit to be in no case less than ten (\$10.00) dollars. Where the water