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ORDINANCE NO. 1033

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS, BY AMENDING TABLE 1 AT SECTION 15-219(b) BY DELETING THE END DATE OF DECEMBER 31, 2023 SO THAT THE RATES SET FORTH IN TABLE 1 WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2023.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Maize, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Section 15-219 Amended. Section 15-219 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is amended to read:

15-219. Rates for customers.

(a) Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following phrases shall have the meaning set forth as follows:

- (1) "Billing Period" means a period of time between the dates a Meter is read, which will usually equal approximately one month.
- (2) "Business Unit" means one separate Business Unit located in a Multi-Unit Commercial Center.
- (3) "Customer" means a person, partnership, corporation, governmental unit or other legal entity.
- (4) "Dwelling Unit" means one separate unit that is located within a Multi-Family Complex.
- (5) "Meter" means a mechanical device which measures and records the quantities of water furnished to a Customer.
- (6) "Multi-Family Complex" means a single building that consists of two or more separate Dwelling Units.
- (7) "Multi-Unit Commercial Center" means a single building that consists of two or more separate Business Units.
- (8) "Premises" means an inhabited building or buildings on a tract of land.
- (9) "Water Service Connection" means a connection between a Customer's plumbing and a Meter through which City water is supplied to a Customer.

(b) Rates for Customers Inside the City Limits of the City.

- (1) Water service charges per Billing Period will be assessed to Customers who are supplied City water through a Water Service Connection; PROVIDED, Premises that have never been connected to City water are not deemed to be connected to City water for the purpose of being assessed, until the City has provided the Customer of the Premises 30 calendar days' written notice that the Premises is eligible to be supplied City water.
- (2) Customers who have a Water Service Connection in accordance with Section 15-219(b)(1), whether or not any City water volume passes to the Customer, will pay a Base Rate charge per Billing Period as set out in **Table 1**.
- (3) In addition to the Base Rate charge, all Customers will pay an additional charge per Billing Period based upon gallons of water used per Billing Period, as measured by the Meter that serves the Customer, for water usage that exceeds 2,999 gallons per Billing Period, at rates set in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Water User Rates – as of January 1, 2023

Effective Date	Base Rate Includes 2,999 Gallons	Rate per 1,000 gal. for 3,000 to 5,999 gal.	Rate per 1,000 gal. for 6,000 to 70,999 gal.	Rate per 1,000 gal. for 71,000 & more gal. used
January 1, 2023	3/4-inch & 5/8-inch meters \$26.50	\$ 5.66	\$ 8.57	\$ 6.41
	1-inch meter \$34.50			
	1 1/2-inch meter \$42.50			
	2-inch up to 3-inch meter \$51.50			
	3-inch up to 4-inch meter \$61.50			
	4-inch up to 6-inch meter \$71.50			
	6-inch meter and above \$81.50			

- (5) Every unit in a Multi-Family Complex shall have a separate Meter when every Dwelling Unit in the complex has a ground floor entrance.
- (6) When a Multi-Family Complex has more than one story, and individual Dwelling Units can be accessed from common areas on floors other than the ground floor, each separate Dwelling Unit within the Multi-Family Complex will be served by one Meter. The owner of a Multi-Family Complex that is served by one Meter will be responsible for paying water usage charges assessed under this Section 15-219(b) of the Code of the City at the rates set in **Table 1**.
- (7) A Multi-Unit Commercial Center Premises will be served by one Meter. The owner of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center will be responsible for paying water usage charges assessed under this Section 15-219(b) at the rates set in **Table 1**.

(c) Rates for Customers Outside the City Limits of the City.

(1) Customers serviced by the City's municipal water system at locations outside the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Base Rate equal to 150% of the minimum Base Rate charge paid by Customers within the City limits of the City.

(2) Additional charges for water usage in excess of 2,999 gallons per Billing Period shall be charged at the same rate as paid by Customers within the City.

(d) Meter readings made by the City will be rounded down to the nearest thousand.

(e) The minimum water service charge will not be assessed if improvements that are being served or are available to be served are removed from the property.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance will be effective upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance in the official City newspaper.

SECTION 3. Repeal. The original existing Section 15-219 is repealed.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor on this 20th day of November, 2023.



Pat Stivers
PAT STIVERS, Mayor

Sue Villarreal
Sue Villarreal, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Tom Powell
Tom Powell, City Attorney