



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

Council Session - Updated

## Item F-6

**#9798 - Consideration of Amending Chapter 35, Section 35-30 to Include a Monthly Meter Charge for a 12-Inch Water Meter**

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# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director  
Stacy Nonhof, Interim City Attorney

**Meeting:** October 27, 2020

**Subject:** Ordinance #9798 - Amending Chapter 35, Section 35-30, to Include a Monthly Meter Charge for a 12-inch Water Meter

**Presenter(s):** Timothy Luchsinger, Utilities Director

## Background

The water meter monthly fees, noted in Chapter 35, Section 35-30, of the Grand Island City Code, were last amended on November 22, 2016, by Ordinance No. 9613. At that time, the largest meter size in the City was 10-inch. With the recent addition of a 12-inch meter installed as part of Swift's expansion; it is necessary to amend the noted section of code to facilitate a meter charge for the new meter size.

## Discussion

The recommended charge for the new 12-inch meter size would be set at \$5,600.00 per month. This is based on the same weighted, achievable flow, rate methodology used in the 2016 calculation.

## Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Move to approve
2. Refer the issue to a Committee
3. Postpone the issue to future date
4. Take no action on the issue

## **Recommendation**

City Administration recommends that the Council approve modifying Chapter 35, Section 25-30, to include a monthly fee of \$5,600.00, for a 12-inch water meter.

## **Sample Motion**

Move to approve modifying Chapter 35, Section 25-30, to include a monthly fee of \$5,600.00 for a 12-inch water meter.

ORDINANCE NO. 9798

An ordinance to amend Chapter 35 of Grand Island City Code ; to amend Section 35-30; to clarify and/or make general corrections to various code sections, to repeal any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and to provide for publication and the effective date of this ordinance.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. Section 35-30 of the Grand Island City Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

§35-30. Schedule of Rates

SCHEDULE OF RATES WITHIN CITY

The rate to be charged for water furnished within the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows:

<b>Monthly Billings</b>	
<b>Cubic feet per month</b>	<b>Rate per 100 cubic feet</b>
First 500.....	\$0.800
Next 500.....	1.040
Next 500.....	1.352
Next 2,500.....	1.352
Next 6,000.....	0.800
Next 90,000.....	0.750
Next 100,000.....	0.700
Over 200,000.....	0.635

SCHEDULE OF RATES OUTSIDE CITY

The rate to be charged for water furnished outside and beyond the corporate limits of the City shall be as follows:

<b>Monthly Billings</b>	
<b>Cubic feet per month</b>	<b>Rate per 100 cubic feet</b>
First 500.....	\$0.800
Next 500.....	1.248
Next 500.....	1.622
Next 2,500.....	1.622
Next 6,000.....	0.960
Next 90,000.....	0.900

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Next 100,000.....	0.840
Over 200,000.....	0.762

\*Plus a customer charge of \$0.70 per month for unfunded federal mandates for the Clean Water Act and the City’s backflow program, in addition to the regular rates charged for water furnished to the customer.

In addition to consumption, a monthly fee would be charged according to the meter size supplying water to the property:

Meter Size	Monthly Fee
<= 1” .....	\$6.50
1 ½”.....	\$12.00
2”.....	\$28.50
3”.....	\$48.50
4”.....	\$66.00
6”.....	\$225.00
8”.....	\$1,250.00
10”.....	\$4,000.00
12”-----	\$5,600.00

SECTION 2. Any ordinance or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith be, and hereby are, repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect from and after its passage and publication, within fifteen days in one issue of the Grand Island Independent as provided by law.

Enacted: October 27, 2020.

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Roger G. Steele, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk