

Ordinance No. 95

An ordinance establishing rates to be charged for water furnished by the Coupeville Municipal Water System, regulating connections thereto and extensions thereof, and repealing conflicting ordinances

Be it ordained by the Council of the Town of Coupeville Washington:

Section 1. The monthly household rates for use of water from the municipal water system are hereby fixed as follows: Minimum rate for the first 800 cubic feet (equivalent of 6000 gallons) or less, \$3.25; Rate for water used in excess of 800 cubic feet, \$.20 per hundred cubic feet. The monthly rates for use by apartment buildings, hotels, motels, and businesses of similar nature are hereby fixed as follows: Minimum rate for the first 800 cubic feet or less, \$4.75; Rate for water used in excess of 800 cubic feet, \$.20 per hundred cubic feet. For services outside of the corporate limits of the Town of Coupeville, the minimum monthly rate shall be \$.25 higher for each type of service.

Section 2. A rebate of \$.25 shall be allowed on the total of each water rental bill pertaining to at least one full month, provided that said bill is paid not later than the 10th day of the month in which it is due.

Section 3. Ordinances No. 80, 83, 89 and 92, being in conflict with or superseded by this ordinance, are hereby repealed.

Section 4. A separate meter shall be used at each separate residence, business establishment or apartment building. Separate residence shall mean any user of water comprising one family unit, consisting of the head of the household and his immediate family occupying the residence. Apartment building shall mean either a single building or

connected buildings, under one management but occupied by more than one family unit. No person shall obtain or attempt to obtain water from the municipal water system except through a meter duly registered in the office of the Town Treasurer; provided, that this requirement shall not apply to water supplied for fire fighting, other emergencies, or public purposes especially authorized by the Town Council.

Section 5. Every new customer for the installation of a water meter, within or without the corporate limits of the Town, shall pay a hook-up charge of \$50.00 or the actual cost, whichever is the greater sum for such installation and the connection thereof to the Town water main. All meters and other materials used in such installation, or in subsequent repairs or replacements, are the property of the Town of Coupeville.

Section 6. Extension of water service outside the Town limits shall be subject to requirements as follows:

(a) The whole cost of extension shall be paid by the water user or users to be served, and all material installations from the Town's water mains up to and including the individual meter or meters shall become the property of the Town.

(b) Sufficient money to cover the cost of any such extension shall be collected, and plans and specifications for the project shall be submitted to and approved by the Town Council, prior to the start of new installation.

(c) Each customer desiring connection to and service from such extension after the time of its original installation shall pay a proportionate share of the cost of

original installation, such share to be determined by the Town Council, and the money so paid shall belong to the water fund of the town.

(d) The Town Council may by contract make different provisions for water extensions: and all contracts heretofore entered into, though they may differ from the terms of this section, are hereby confirmed.

Section 7. All water rents shall be due and payable at the office of the Town Treasurer on or before the last day of each month for water furnished during the preceding month. If the same be not paid when due, the Town Treasurer shall give notice that the account is delinquent and shall set a date, not less than ten days nor more than twenty days after the giving of notice, upon which date the water shall be shut off and the meter shall be removed if the account is not paid. An additional charge of \$1.00 shall be assessed and collected for turning on water which has been shut off under the provisions of this section. The Town Treasurer is authorized to collect advance deposits from transient consumers of water, receipting for such deposits and accounting for them as trust funds, for the purpose of insuring that payments will be made when due.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be effective on the 1st day of November, 1953, following its passage and publication according to law.

Passed by the Council and Approved by the Mayor this 15th day of October, 1953.
Edward E. Calhoun, Mayor

Attest:
Lynn P. Lane (deceased)
By Lorine M. Keppen, Town Clerk pro tem
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