

ORDINANCE NO. 355A

An Ordinance establishing rates to be charged for water furnished by the Coupeville Municipal Water System, procedures for turning off water service for delinquent billings and charging a reconnection fee, regulating the size, location and placement of water meters, connections thereto and extension thereof, regulating the extension of water service inside and outside of the Town Limits, regulating water hookup charges for in-town and out-of-town hookups, and

An Ordinance further fixing rates for sewage service, providing for the collection thereof, providing for delinquency, interest and liens and the enforcement thereof in case of failure to pay the said sewage service, and

An Ordinance repealing Coupeville Ordinance No. 355.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Coupeville, Washington, as follows:

PART A. WATER

SECTION 1: WATER RATES

Subsection (a), In-Town Rates:

1) The monthly rate for residential use of water supplied by the Municipal Water System of the Town of Coupeville shall be \$9.90 per month for consumption up to 300 cubic feet of water per month, and for any usage of water above 300 cubic feet per month, there shall be an additional charge of \$1.21 per 100 cubic feet of water, per month, or any portion, up to 100 cubic feet per month over the 300 cubic feet minimum. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

2) The monthly rate for non-residential use of water supplied by the Municipal Water System of the Town of Coupeville, shall be \$9.90 per month for consumption up to 300 cubic feet of water per month, and for any usage of water above 300 cubic feet per month, there shall be an additional charge of \$1.89 per 100 cubic feet of water per month, or any portion, up to 100 cubic feet per month over the 300 cubic feet minimum. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

3) For each residential user or non-residential user of establishment served by a single water meter in-town, one shall be designated as the basic subscriber, and in addition, for each residential user or non-residential user served by the same meter, an additional charge of \$6.60 shall be assessed for each additional residential or non-residential user served by the same meter. Each user shall be allowed 300 cubic feet of water before the overage is put into effect. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

Subsection (b), Out-of-Town Rates:

1) The monthly rate for residential use of water supplied by the Municipal Water System of the Town of Coupeville shall be \$14.85 per month for consumption up to 300 cubic feet of water per month, and for any usage of water above 300 cubic feet per month, there shall be an additional charge of \$1.82 per 100 cubic feet of water per month, or any portion, up to 100 cubic feet per month over the 300 cubic feet minimum. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

2) The monthly rate for non-residential use of water supplied by the municipal Water System of the Town of Coupeville shall be \$14.85 per month for consumption up to 300 cubic feet of water per month, and for any usage of water above 300 cubic feet per month, there shall be an additional charge of \$2.84 per 100 cubic feet of water per month, or any portion thereof, up to 100 cubic feet per month over the 300 cubic feet minimum. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

3) For each residential user or non-residential user or establishment served by a single water meter out-of-town, one shall be designated as the basic subscriber, and in addition, for each residential user or business user served by the same meter, an additional charge of \$9.90 shall be assessed for each additional residential or non-residential user served by the same meter. Each user shall be allowed 300 cubic feet of water before the overage charge is put into effect. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

SECTION 2: PERIOD OF DELINQUENCY; EXTINGUISHMENT OF WATER SERVICE

AFTER DELINQUENCY; RECONNECTION CHARGE

All billings for water by the Town of Coupeville shall be delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of billing. In the event

that a water billing shall become delinquent, the Town shall issue a notice to the current user of the water creating the delinquent water billing stating that the Town shall terminate water service on the 10th day after the date of the above notice. Notice of delinquency and of 10 day termination shall be made by the mailing of said notice to the current user of the water creating the delinquent billing.

In the event that the Town terminates water services as a result of a delinquent billing, water service shall not be reinstituted by the Town until such time as the past due billing has been paid in full, together with an additional reconnection fee of \$25.00. Regardless of whether or not the delinquent billing was created by the owner of the premises or the current user of water on the premises, water service shall not be reinstituted until the unpaid billing and reconnection fee have been paid.

SECTION 3: ADVANCED DEPOSIT REQUIREMENT

The Town Treasurer-Clerk, with discretion, may require a monetary deposit from transient consumers of water for the purpose of insuring that payment for water shall be made in a timely fashion. All such deposits shall be receipted for by the Treasurer-Clerk and accounted for as trust funds.

SECTION 4: METER REQUIREMENTS AND SIZES

A separate water meter shall be installed and used for each separate residence, each separate building, or each separate structure. The term "separate structure" shall mean each structure regardless of whether or not the structure is attached by means of sidewalk, causeway, bridge or improvement, or any other means of connection to any other structure, building or residence. The term "separate residence" shall mean a residence containing one family unit, consisting of the head of household, his immediate family, occupying the said residence, together with any garages, outbuildings, or other buildings or structures ancillary to and used with the occupation of the residence by the head of the household and his immediate family. No person shall obtain, or attempt to obtain, water from the Municipal Water System except through a water meter duly registered in the office of the Treasurer-Clerk, provided, however, that this requirement shall not apply to water supplied for fire-fighting, other emergencies, or by the Town Council for specifically authorized

public purposes. No water meters shall be installed except as shall be contracted for by the owner, or contract purchaser, of the property on which the said water meter shall be installed.

The maintenance supervisor of the Town of Coupeville shall, with discretion, determine the size of all water meters to be installed within the Town of Coupeville Municipal Water System, provided required meter sizes are not inconsistent with standards for meter sizes established by the American Public Water Works Association.

SECTION 5: COST OF THE INSTALLATION OF METERS AND OWNERSHIP THEREOF

The actual cost of the installation of water meters, as well as the cost of the meter itself, shall be paid by the person ordering the installation of the same. All water meters, and all other materials used in such replacement, repair or installation thereof, shall be the property of the Town of Coupeville.

SECTION 6: COST OF EXTENSION OF WATER SERVICE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF THE TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

The entire cost of the extension of any water service, including both labor and materials, shall be paid by the water user or users to be served, and all materials installed in such extension from the point of the Town's water mains up to and including the individual meter or meters shall be the property of the Town of Coupeville.

The Town shall authorize no extension of water service until the Town Council has approved the proposed method for the payment of the extension of water service.

SECTION 7: INITIAL WATER HOOKUP CHARGES

All initial hookups of water, whether in-town or out-of-town, shall pay the following hookup fees prior to the installation and commencement of water service:

	<u>IN-TOWN</u>	<u>OUT-OF-TOWN</u>
3/4 inch service	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00
1 inch service	1,000.00	2,000.00
2 inch service	1,500.00	3,000.00
3 inch service	2,000.00	4,000.00
4 inch service	2,500.00	5,000.00
6 inch service	5,000.00	10,000.00

A fee of not less than \$750 per living unit shall be charged. The cost of installation of water meters, and the cost of the meters themselves, is in

addition to the above hookup charges.

SECTION 8: CUTOFF AND RECONNECTION CHARGE; MONTHLY WATER RATE DURING PERIOD THAT SERVICE IS ABATED

During the periods of time when water service is abated or discontinued to a residence, building or structure, there shall be a minimum monthly charge per month, or a portion of a month, equal to one-half of the minimum rate charged the particular user whose water service has been abated or disconnected.

A charge of \$25.00 shall be made for each reconnection of water service after abatement or discontinuance of water service.

SECTION 9: APPLICATION AND APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-TOWN WATER SERVICE

The extension of water service outside of the Town of Coupeville shall be initiated by application to the Town Council. No water service outside the Town of Coupeville shall be provided except upon approval by the Town Council.

PART B, SEWAGE

SECTION 1: SEWAGE RATES

Subsection (a) Residential Rates:

A service charge of \$11.44 per month is hereby fixed for sewage service for each sewage connection, and in situations where common connections service one or more residences, buildings or structures, there shall be an additional assessment of \$7.70 for each additional residence, building, structure or user served by said connection for a monthly allowance of up to 500 cubic feet of water.

In addition to the said monthly minimum charge of \$11.44 per each connection there shall be an additional charge of \$1.05 per each 100 cubic feet of water used per month in excess of 500 cubic feet per month up to 1000 cubic feet per month and for each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 fee shall be charged.

Subsection (b) Non-Residential Rates:

A service charge of \$11.44 per month is hereby fixed for sewage service for each and every sewage connection, and in situations where a common connection serves one or more businesses, institutions, buildings or structures, there shall be an additional assessment of \$7.70 for each additional business, institution, building, or structure or user served by said connection for the allowance of 500 cubic feet of water.

In addition to the said minimum monthly charge of \$11.44 for each connectio there shall be an additional charge of \$1.82 for each 100 cubic feet of water used in excess of 500 cubic feet per month. For each 1000 cubic feet of water used, an additional \$5.00 shall be charged.

SECTION 2: DELINQUENT CHARGES AND SEWERAGE LIEN

All sewer service charges not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of billing shall be considered delinquent. All delinquent billings shall bear interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum for the date of delinquency.

All delinquent billings for sewage, together with interest thereon, shall become a lien upon the real property served by said sewage connection/ sewage service, and the said liens shall be in accordance with and foreclosed in the manner set forth in RCW 35.67.

PART C, REPEALING ORDINANCES

SECTION 1: Coupeville Ordinance No. 355 is hereby repealed.

PART D, EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE

SECTION 1: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect as of January 1, 1989 after its passage and posting as required by law.

PASSED by the Town Council and APPROVED by its Mayor on the 12th day of December, 1988.

THE TOWN OF COUPEVILLE

By: *Kette L. Loyne*
Mayor

ATTEST:

Davis A. Ward
Treasurer-Clerk