

**CITY OF SULTAN
WASHINGTON
ORDINANCE NO. 1128-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON,
REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1043-09; ADOPTING A NEW
WATER RATE SCHEDULE FOR SINGLE-FAMILY, MULTI-
FAMILY AND COMMERCIAL WATER CUSTOMERS;
LOWERING THE ADOPTED RATES EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1,
2012 AND DECEMBER 1, 2012 AND ADOPTING NEW RATES
EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2013 AND DECEMBER 1, 2014;
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 35.92.010 and RCW 35.92.025 the City through its legislative authority has the power and authority to establish rates for water service; and

WHEREAS, in 2009 the City conducted an investigation of the reasonable rates required to provide water service now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the City established rates by Ordinance No. 1043-09 that were reasonable and necessary to operate its water system from December 1, 2008 through December 1, 2013; and

WHEREAS, as part of the discussion of the 2012 Water Operating Fund the city council considered postponing the \$77,000 expenditure for electronic water meters until 2013 in order to reduce the proposed water rate increase effective December 1, 2011 from 11.25% to 2.27% ; and

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2011 the city council approved Ordinance No. 1121-11 adopting the 2012 budget and reducing revenues from rates for the 2012 Water Operating Budget from \$999,500 to \$922,500; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 1128-12 adopts a new rate schedule effective February 1, 2012 which reduces anticipated water rate revenues and effectively postpones the water meter purchase and installation until 2013;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SULTAN, WASHINGTON, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 Establishment of fees and charges for water service. Water rates are hereby established for the following categories of service beginning on February 1, 2012 as follows:

1. The words and phrases set out in this section are defined as follows:

A. "Low income senior citizen" means persons 62 years of age or older, on or before January 31st of the year of the filing for the discount. Low income is based on 125 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

B. "Base rate" means the minimum monthly charge for water service.

C. "Rate" equals monthly base rate plus volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet.

D. "Monthly base rate" is the rate tabulated in the two water rate schedules below. The rates differ for service within the city's corporate limits and without the city's corporate limits.

E. "Volume rate for each additional 100 cubic feet" refers to the applicable rate whether within the city's corporate limits or without for each additional 100 cubic feet or fraction thereof of water usage over the allowance set by the city council for the customer's unit.

2. For residential and commercial service inside the city limits all rates are per dwelling or commercial unit. An accessory dwelling unit is considered a dwelling unit.

RESIDENTIAL WATER CONNECTIONS LOCATED <u>WITHIN</u> THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS							
Effective Date:	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Single-Family (includes duplex)							
Base Rate	\$25.25	\$28.09	\$31.25	\$31.96	\$34.77	\$36.16	\$37.61
Volume Rate/100 cf > 300ccf "allowance"	\$2.28	\$2.54	\$2.83	\$2.89	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41
Low-Income Senior	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Base Rate	\$12.63	\$14.05	\$15.63	\$15.99	\$17.39	\$18.09	\$18.81
Volume Rate/100 cf > 300ccf "allowance"	\$2.28	\$2.54	\$2.83	\$2.89	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41
Multifamily							
Base Rate/Unit	25.25	\$24.52	\$27.28	\$27.90	\$30.35	\$31.57	\$32.83
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$2.28	\$2.54	\$2.83	\$2.89	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41
Mobile Home Parks							
Base Rate/Unit	25.25	\$24.52	\$27.28	\$27.90	\$30.35	\$31.57	\$32.83
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$2.28	\$2.54	\$2.83	\$2.89	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41

COMMERCIAL WATER CONNECTIONS LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS

Effective Date:	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Base Rate by Meter							
3/4" Meter	\$27.25	\$30.32	\$33.73	\$34.50	\$37.53	\$39.03	\$40.59
1" Meter	\$38.15	\$42.44	\$47.21	\$48.28	\$52.53	\$54.63	\$56.82
1.5" Meter	\$49.05	\$54.57	\$60.71	\$62.09	\$67.55	\$70.25	\$73.07
2" Meter	\$79.03	\$87.92	\$97.81	\$100.03	\$108.83	\$113.18	\$117.72
3" Meter	\$299.75	\$333.47	\$370.99	\$379.42	\$412.78	\$429.28	\$446.49
4" Meter	\$381.50	\$424.42	\$472.17	\$482.90	\$525.36	\$546.36	\$568.27
6" Meter	\$572.25	\$636.63	\$708.25	\$724.34	\$788.03	\$819.53	\$852.39
8" Meter	\$790.25	\$879.15	\$978.05	\$1,000.27	\$1,088.22	\$1,131.72	\$1,177.10
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$2.28	\$2.54	\$2.83	\$2.89	\$3.15	\$3.28	\$3.41

3. For residential and commercial service outside the city limits, the charges shall be one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the standard in-city rate as established by the city council. "Outside of the city limits" shall mean any property that qualifies for one or more of the following:

- A. A majority of the property is situated outside of city limits
- B. A majority of fixtures on the property are outside of city limits; or
- C. A majority of the value of improvements is outside city limits

RESIDENTIAL WATER CONNECTIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS

Effective Date:	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Single-Family (includes duplex)							
Base Rate	\$37.88	\$42.14	\$46.88	47.94	\$52.15	\$54.24	56.41
Volume Rate/100 cf > 600ccf allowance	\$3.42	\$3.80	\$4.23	4.33	\$4.71	\$4.90	\$5.10
Low-Income Senior				0.00			
Base Rate	\$18.95	\$21.08	\$23.45	23.98	\$26.09	\$27.13	\$28.22
Volume Rate/100 cf > 600ccf allowance	\$3.42	\$3.80	\$4.23	4.33	\$4.71	\$4.90	\$5.10

RESIDENTIAL WATER CONNECTIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS							
Effective Date:	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Multifamily							
Base Rate/Unit	37.88	\$36.78	\$40.92	\$41.85	\$45.53	\$47.35	\$49.25
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$3.42	\$3.80	\$4.23	22.53	\$4.71	\$4.90	\$5.10
Mobile Home Parks							
Base Rate/Unit	37.88	\$36.78	\$40.92	\$41.85	\$45.53	\$47.35	\$49.25
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$3.42	\$3.80	\$4.23	22.53	\$4.71	\$4.90	\$5.10

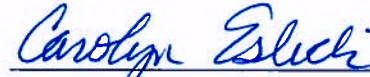
COMMERCIAL WATER CONNECTIONS LOCATED OUTSIDE THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS							
Effective Date:	12/1/2008	12/1/2009	12/1/2010	2/1/2012	12/1/2012	12/1/2013	12/1/2014
Base Rate by Meter							
3/4" Meter	\$40.88	\$45.48	\$50.60	\$51.75	\$56.30	\$58.55	\$60.90
1" Meter	\$57.23	\$63.67	\$70.83	\$72.44	\$78.81	\$81.96	\$85.24
1.5" Meter	\$73.58	\$81.86	\$91.07	\$93.14	\$101.32	\$105.38	\$109.60
2" Meter	\$118.55	\$131.89	\$146.73	\$150.06	\$163.25	\$169.78	\$176.59
3" Meter	\$449.63	\$500.21	\$556.48	\$569.11	\$619.14	\$643.90	\$669.72
4" Meter	\$572.25	\$636.63	\$708.25	\$724.33	\$788.00	\$819.52	\$852.38
6" Meter	\$858.38	\$954.95	\$1,062.38	\$1,086.50	\$1,182.00	\$1,229.28	\$1,278.57
8" Meter	\$1,185.38	\$1,318.74	\$1,467.10	\$1,500.40	\$1,632.29	\$1,697.58	\$1,765.65
Volume Rate/100 cf no "allowance"	\$3.42	\$3.80	\$4.23	4.23	\$4.71	\$4.90	\$5.10

Section 2. Severability. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstance, be declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid for any reason, or should any portion of this Ordinance be pre-empted by state or federal law or regulation, such decision or pre-emption shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance or its application to other persons or circumstances.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five (5) days after the date of publication, but no sooner than February 1, 2012

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AT A REGULAR MEETING THEREOF ON
THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2012.

CITY OF SULTAN



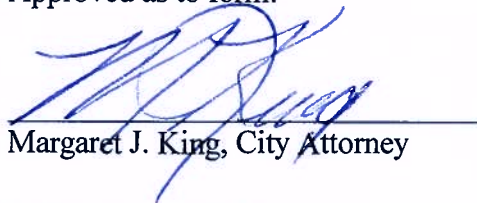
Carolyn Eslick, Mayor

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Laura Koenig, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Margaret J. King, City Attorney

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