

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: June 16, 2008

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE WATER RATE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13.20 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE, TO REVISE DISTRIBUTION AND CUSTOMER CHARGES.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

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PURPOSES OF THE ORDINANCE:

As described in the Agenda Report accompanying the public hearing to be conducted on June 16, 2008, the purpose of this Ordinance is to increase Distribution and Customer Charges (D&C) to generate adequate revenue to cover the costs of operation and maintenance of the water distribution system, including metering, customer service, billing, call center and collections. Current D&C rates are inadequate to meet the revenue requirement and the D&C rates have not been adjusted since 1995.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

Charges for water service must be prescribed by ordinance pursuant to Charter Section 1403.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

Retail water ratepayers taking water service from the Water and Power Department will be responsible to pay the D & C charges. The revenues derived from the charge will be used by the department as set forth above.

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The monthly bill impacts of the proposed ordinance vary by the size of a customer's meters. For example, the monthly bill impact to residential inside-city customers with a 5/8" or 3/4" meter using 12 billing units per month is an additional \$2.08, with the monthly bill rising from \$20.89 to \$22.97. The monthly bill impact to outside-city customers with the same meter size and usage is an additional \$2.81, with the bill rising from \$28.26 to \$31.07. The D&C charge for each meter size is set forth in the proposed ordinance.

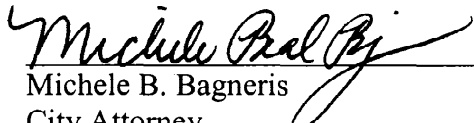
FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed D&C rate increase is expected to generate \$2.3 million annually for the Water Fund. This will result in an increase to the Water Fund Operating Revenues from \$41.2 million in FY08 to \$43.8 million in FY09.


POLICY CHANGES:

This ordinance does not result in any policy changes.

Respectfully submitted,


Michele B. Bagneris
City Attorney

Prepared by:


Scott D. Rasmussen
Assistant City Attorney

Introduced by _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING THE WATER RATE ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 13.20 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE.

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Subsection A of Section 13.20.030 of the Pasadena Municipal Code is hereby amended to read:

“Section 13.20.030 Service Charges and Rates

A. Distribution and Customer Charges. The monthly distribution and customer charges for service shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (in inches)	Distribution and Customer Charges	
	Area A	Area B
5/8" & 3/4"	\$8.02	\$10.83
1"	15.24	20.57
1-1/2"	30.78	47.67
2"	72.21	97.48
3"	176.51	238.29
4"	272.77	368.25
6"	417.19	563.21
8"	681.94	920.62
10"	887.53	1,137.16
12"	1,002.78	1,353.75

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication.

Signed and approved this _____ day of
_____, 2008.

William Bogaard
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Ordinance was adopted by the City
Council at its meeting held _____, 2008, by the
following vote:

AYES:


NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Scott D. Rasmussen
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