

Introduced by: _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA AMENDING THE WATER RATE ORDINANCE, TITLE 13, CHAPTER 13.20 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE

The People of the City of Pasadena ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. This ordinance, due to its length and corresponding cost of publication, will be published by title and summary as permitted in Section 508 of the Pasadena City Charter. The approved summary of this ordinance is as follows:

“Summary

The purpose of Ordinance No. _____ is to amend the water rate ordinance, Title 13, Chapter 13.20 of the Pasadena Municipal Code as directed by the City Council on June 3, 2024, to implement adjustments to the water rates and utilize a tiered by customer type and meter size rate structure.

This ordinance shall take effect upon publication by title and summary.”

SECTION 2. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.015 is hereby amended to add new Subsections D, E, F and G as follows:

- D. Single Family Residential (“SFR”) customer classification: Applies to separately metered single-family detached residences, also called single-detached dwellings, or single-family with accessory dwelling unit.
- E. Multi-Family Residential (“MFR”) customer classification: Applies to multi-family dwellings served by a single meter, including properties permitted as work/live space when used for residential purposes. Multi-family dwellings are apartments, condominiums or town houses with at least two dwelling units at the same physical location.
- F. Commercial customer classification: Applies, without regard to meter size, to all accounts serving mercantile buildings, motels, and other short term lodging establishments, office buildings, institutional buildings, schools, churches, manufacturing facilities, industrial facilities, and other commercial establishments.

G. Billing Unit: The unit of measurement for water consumption which is one hundred cubic feet (HCF) which is 748 gallons.

SECTION 3. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.025 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.025 – Tier allocations.

The water supplied by the water division is divided by volume as measured in whole billing units into three tier allocations and based on Customer Classifications as indicated in the table below.

MONTHLY Tier Allocations in Units of One Hundred Cubic Feet or One Billing Unit				
	Customer Classification	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
Residential	Single-Family Residential	0-7	8-29	Over 29
	Multi-Family Residential*	0-5	6-10	Over 10
Commercial	Commercial -Small (5/8"-1" meter size)	0-8	9-43	Over 43
	Commercial -Medium (1 1/2"-4" meter size)	0-52	53-265	Over 265
	Commercial – Large (6"+ meter size)	0-850	851-5,050	Over 5,050
* Tier Allocations for Multi-Family Residential is per dwelling unit				

SECTION 4. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.030 - Service charges and rates.

A. Fixed Charges

Effective: July 1, 2024; July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; and July 1, 2028, the monthly Fixed Charge per customer meter shall be as follows:

MONTHLY Fixed Charge					
Meter Size	Effective July 1, 2024	Effective July 1, 2025	Effective July 1, 2026	Effective July 1, 2027	Effective July 1, 2028
5/8"-3/4"	\$38.62	\$43.25	\$47.15	\$50.92	\$54.48
1"	\$60.19	\$67.41	\$73.48	\$79.36	\$84.91
1 1/2"	\$114.11	\$127.81	\$139.31	\$150.45	\$160.98
2"	\$178.82	\$200.28	\$218.31	\$235.77	\$252.27
3"	\$475.40	\$532.45	\$580.37	\$626.80	\$670.68
4"	\$815.13	\$912.94	\$995.11	\$1,074.72	\$1,149.95
6"	\$1,731.84	\$1,939.66	\$2,114.23	\$2,283.37	\$2,443.20
8"	\$3,026.02	\$3,389.14	\$3,694.16	\$3,989.70	\$4,268.97

10"	\$4,535.90	\$5,080.20	\$5,537.42	\$5,980.41	\$6,399.04
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B. Variable Charges. The Variable Charges for all water delivered in Service Area A and Area B shall be:

Effective: July 1, 2024; July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; and July 1, 2028, the monthly Variable Charge shall be as follows:

Variable Charge per Billing Unit
Note: Tier Allocations for Multi-Family is per dwelling unit

MONTHLY		July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,	July 1,
Class/Tier	Tier Allocations	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028
Single Family Residential						
Tier 1	7	\$2.24818	\$2.51796	\$2.74458	\$2.96414	\$3.17163
Tier 2	29	\$5.92680	\$6.63802	\$7.23544	\$7.81428	\$8.36128
Tier 3	Over 29	\$6.44550	\$7.21896	\$7.86867	\$8.49816	\$9.09303
Multi-Family Residential						
Tier 1	5	\$2.24209	\$2.51114	\$2.73714	\$2.95611	\$3.16304
Tier 2	10	\$5.87186	\$6.57648	\$7.16836	\$7.74183	\$8.28376
Tier 3	Over 10	\$6.24448	\$6.99382	\$7.62327	\$8.23313	\$8.80945
Commercial Small (⁵/₈"-1" meter size)						
Tier 1	8	\$2.21109	\$2.47642	\$2.69930	\$2.91524	\$3.11931
Tier 2	43	\$5.84411	\$6.54540	\$7.13448	\$7.70524	\$8.24461
Tier 3	Over 43	\$6.19440	\$6.93773	\$7.56212	\$8.16709	\$8.73879
Commercial Medium (1 ¹/₂"- 4" meter size)						
Tier 1	52	\$2.25510	\$2.52571	\$2.75303	\$2.97327	\$3.18140
Tier 2	265	\$5.88262	\$6.58853	\$7.18150	\$7.75602	\$8.29894
Tier 3	Over 265	\$6.36652	\$7.13050	\$7.77224	\$8.39402	\$8.98160
Commercial Large (6"+ meter size)						
Tier 1	850	\$2.27128	\$2.54383	\$2.77278	\$2.99460	\$3.20422
Tier 2	5,050	\$5.94146	\$6.65444	\$7.25333	\$7.83360	\$8.38195
Tier 3	Over 5,050	\$6.55430	\$7.34082	\$8.00149	\$8.64161	\$9.24652

C. Drought Charges

Levels 1 through 4 correspond to Pasadena’s Municipal Code, Chapter 13.10: Water Waste Prohibitions and Water Supply Shortage Plans. Stages 1 through 6 correspond to the six standard water shortage stages in Pasadena’s Urban Water Management Plan which align with the requirements established in the California Water Code and the Urban Water Management Planning Act. As shown in the drought rate percentages below, the six stages allow for cross referencing with Pasadena’s four existing Water Supply Shortage levels.

The charges for all water delivered shall be subject to an adjustment to reflect changes in revenue requirements to the department during a declared drought by either City Council or the Governor of the State of California. The responsibility to determine if the drought levels require an adjustment based on increased revenue requirements shall rest with the department and the authority to approve the adjustment shall rest with the general manager. The adjustment shall be the product of a percentage multiplied by the variable charges in this ordinance.

Drought Rate Percentages - Increases Shown as a Percentage to the Variable Rate						
Water Supply Shortage Level	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	Level 4	
Standard Water Shortage Stage	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6
Tier 1	0%	0%	10%	35%	58%	125%
Tier 2	11%	29%	52%	89%	152%	178%
Tier 3	17%	51%	77%	127%	175%	225%

D. Special Provisions.

1. All water under this section is metered.
2. Reserved.
3. A charge set forth in the department's service regulations is made for each new account or customer originated account change. This charge is added to the first bill for service under the account.
4. Deposits. The general manager may require a deposit in reasonable amount to guarantee payment for water to be delivered subsequent to date of demand for such deposit. If customer fails to make such deposit after demand therefore,

water service may be discontinued until such deposit in the amount required has been made.

SECTION 5. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.035 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 6. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.050 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.050 - Service—Municipal.

For water and water service supplied to other city departments, the department shall be paid out of the general fund, or other appropriate fund, as follows:

- A. Water for domestic purposes shall be supplied at the charges and rates established by Section 13.20.030.
- B. Water for park and power plant purposes shall be supplied at the rates established in Section 13.20.030.
- C. Water for street sprinkling or flushing and other non-domestic use shall be supplied at rates established in Section 13.20.030; except for street sweepers, small trucks or other vehicles used for general street maintenance by the public works department. Such vehicles may make unmetered connections to fire hydrants for street sweeping and drain flushing operations at a charge determined by the Department per vehicle per month.

SECTION 7. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.100 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.100 - Meter reading and billings.

The variable rates for the several classes of water service are based on meter readings, read in units of 100 cubic feet. (A billing unit is 100 cubic feet of water or 748 gallons.)

- A. The water division may have bimonthly meter readings and billings.
- B. Opening and closing bills and bills for an irregular period are prorated on a 30-day-month basis.
- C. All charges for water and water service, as well as for refuse service, and all other charges, including taxes, surcharges and fees that are regularly

assessed through the utility bill, are due and payable when rendered and become delinquent 30 days after the date rendered. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, there shall be assessed a penalty for delinquent bills pursuant to Section 1.08.080. The amount of such penalty shall be as set forth on the general fee schedule.

- D. If delinquent bills are not paid upon presentation, or on failure to comply with the rules and regulations established as a condition to the use of water, or to pay rates or any charges or penalty imposed in the time and manner herein provided, water may be turned off at any or all services where the customer is supplied with water until payment of the amount due is made. The appropriate reconnection and special service charges, in addition to all previously accrued charges, shall be made prior to having the service restored.

SECTION 8. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.110 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 9. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.130 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.130 - Service—Fire—Private.

- A. The monthly rates for private fire service for private fire protection shall be at the following flat rates:

Effective: July 1, 2024; July 1, 2025; July 1, 2026; July 1, 2027; and July 1, 2028, the monthly rates for private fire service for private fire protection shall be at the following flat rates:

MONTHLY Private Fire Service

Meter Size	July 1, 2024	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	July 1, 2027	July 1, 2028
4"	\$31.12	\$34.86	\$37.99	\$41.03	\$43.91
6"	\$90.40	\$101.25	\$110.37	\$119.20	\$127.54
8"	\$192.66	\$215.77	\$235.19	\$254.01	\$271.79
10"	\$346.46	\$388.04	\$422.96	\$456.80	\$488.77
12"	\$559.63	\$626.79	\$683.20	\$737.85	\$789.50
16"	\$1,192.59	\$1,335.70	\$1,455.91	\$1,572.38	\$1,682.45

- B. Service at the foregoing rates is for fire extinguishing purposes only and includes water for such purposes. If the department determines that water from a private fire service is used for other than fire extinguishing purposes, fire service may be discontinued or the department may install a fire flow meter at customer's expense and the service will be deemed a domestic service in all cases.
- C. No private fire service less than four inches in size shall be installed.
- D. Once instituted, fire service to any property may be terminated with written approval by the fire marshal.
- E. Charges for private fire protection service are the responsibility of the building owner.

SECTION 10. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.145 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

SECTION 11. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.150 Subsection E is hereby amended to read as follows:

- E. The rates for water taken from a fire hydrant by permit for use other than fire suppression shall be the fixed and variable rates pursuant to Section 13.20.030.

SECTION 12. Pasadena Municipal Code, Title 13, Chapter 13.20, Section 13.20.165 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13.20.165 - Fire hydrants flow test charge.

Fire hydrant flow tests shall be conducted by the department when requested for the purpose of determining the availability of water for fire protection purposes. A charge determined by the Department for each flow test shall be paid by the person requesting such test.

SECTION 13. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance and shall cause this ordinance to be published by title and summary in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

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SECTION 14. This ordinance shall take effect upon publication by title and summary.

Signed and approved this ____ day of June, 2024.

Victor Gordo
Mayor of the City of Pasadena

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City Council of the City of Pasadena at its meeting held this _____ day of June 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:


ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Date Published:

Mark Jomsky
City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Lisa J. Hosey
Assistant City Attorney