

WATER ORDINANCE #12-13
AMENDING SECTIONS 440-6 & 440-20

SECTION 440-6 A. 1., 2. & 3. and B. 1., 2. & 3. – WATER RATES AND SERVICE CHARGES
SECTION 440-20 E. – FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 440-6 A. 1., 2. & 3. and B. 1., 2. & 3. AND
SECTION 440-20 E. OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WATER ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the water utility is currently in need of increased revenue to provide for capital improvements related to water quality, storage, conveyance and supply.

WHEREAS, the capital improvements were outlined in the Preliminary Engineering Report submitted to the City Council in September of 2011.

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continued financial viability of the City's water fund, Red Oak Consulting provided recommended rate adjustments based on a rate study presented on July 11, 2012.

WHEREAS, the recommended rate adjustments will produce the following annualized revenue increases are recommended: Fiscal Year 2012-13 – 27.5%; Fiscal Year 2013-14 – 27.5%; Fiscal Year 2014-15 – 3.0% and Fiscal Year 2015-16 – 3.0%. All rates after FY 2016 shall be adjusted annually according to the Consumer Price Index, unless a new ordinance is passed declaring otherwise.

WHEREAS, the rate increase that was selected will be phased in to minimize the impact on customers and to charge customers based on actual volume usage.

WHEREAS, outside city limit residential and commercial customers will be charged 1.5 times the inside city limit rate based on the inside city limit rate schedule.

WHEREAS, the City supports the institution of low income assistance for qualified water customers.

WHEREAS, the City will administer a low income water assistance program for inside city limit customers that qualify for the Low Income Heating and Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The qualification criteria and guidelines will match the state and federal guidelines. If a utility customer qualifies for LIHEAP they qualify for City assistance. A detailed award distribution formula and budget will be implemented through administrative regulation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT SECTION 440-6 A. 1., 2. & 3. and B. 1., 2. & 3. AND 440-20 E. 1. & 2. OF THE WATER ORDINANCE BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

440-6 – WATER RATES, DEPOSITS AND SERVICE CHARGES

A. Monthly Water Base Charges for Utility Customers (\$ Per Bill)

Meter Size	Base Charge, \$ per Bill			
	2013	2014	2015	2016
Inside City				
Residential				
5/8"	15.00	16.10	17.30	18.50
1"	34.80	39.00	39.50	40.10
Small Commercial				
5/8"	33.70	33.70	33.70	33.70
Large Commercial				
1"	170.00	170.00	170.00	170.00
1 1/2"	246.00	246.00	246.00	246.00
2"	340.00	340.00	340.00	340.00
3"	450.00	450.00	450.00	450.00
4"	510.00	510.00	510.00	510.00
6"	870.00	1,120.00	1,150.00	1,180.00
8"	1,040.00	1,280.00	1,310.00	1,340.00
Outside City				
Residential				
5/8"	22.50	24.20	26.00	27.80
1"	52.20	58.50	59.30	60.20
Small Commercial				
5/8"	50.60	50.60	50.60	50.60
Large Commercial				
1"	255.00	255.00	255.00	255.00
1 1/2"	369.00	369.00	369.00	369.00
2"	510.00	510.00	510.00	510.00
3"	675.00	675.00	675.00	675.00
4"	765.00	765.00	765.00	765.00
6"	1,305.00	1,680.00	1,725.00	1,770.00
8"	1,560.00	1,920.00	1,965.00	2,010.00

* Rate table does not include applicable state and federal taxes and fees.

B. Monthly Water Volume Charges for Utility Customers (\$ Per gallon)

	Volume Charge, \$ per Gallon			
Monthly Volume	2013	2014	2015	2016
Inside City				
Residential				
First 2,000 gallons	0.00103	0.00194	0.00234	0.00286
Next 4,000 gallons	0.00232	0.00437	0.00527	0.00644
Next 4,000 gallons	0.00522	0.00984	0.01186	0.01449
Over 10,000 gallons	0.01305	0.02460	0.02965	0.03623
Commercial				
Winter	0.00374	0.00599	0.00603	0.00606
Summer	0.00468	0.00749	0.00754	0.00758
Outside City				
Residential				
First 2,000 gallons	0.00154	0.00291	0.00351	0.00429
Next 4,000 gallons	0.00348	0.00655	0.00790	0.00966
Next 4,000 gallons	0.00783	0.01476	0.01779	0.02173
Over 10,000 gallons	0.01957	0.03690	0.04447	0.05434
Commercial				
Winter	0.00561	0.00898	0.00904	0.00909
Summer	0.00702	0.01123	0.01131	0.01137

* Rate table does not include applicable state and federal taxes and fees.

** Winter rates are applicable to commercial usage during the November through April billing periods. Summer rates are applicable to usage during the May through October billing periods.

440-20 – FIRE PROTECTION SERVICE RATES

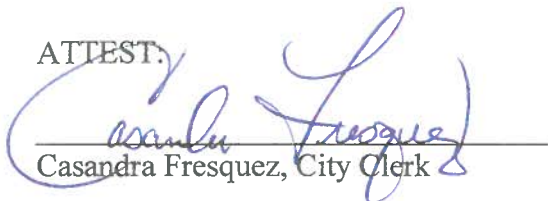
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	<u>FY 2013</u>	<u>FY 2014</u>	<u>FY 2015</u>	<u>FY 2016</u>
1	\$120.00	\$81.00	\$43.00	\$4.50
2	238.00	160.00	85.00	7.50
3	240.00	165.00	90.00	15.00
4	360.00	250.00	140.00	26.00
6	486.00	345.00	200.00	55.00
8	625.00	460.00	290.00	126.00

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 28 day of September, 2012.


Alfonso E. Ortiz Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY

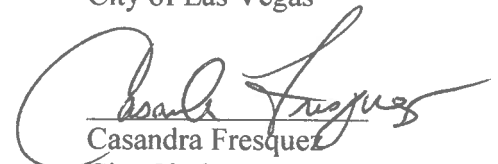

Dave Romero Jr., City Attorney

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 12-13

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Las Vegas, NM, at their Special meeting held on September 28, 2012, adopted Ordinance No. 12-13, **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 440-6 A.1, 2. & 3 AND B. 1., & 3 AND SECTION 440-20 E. OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS WATER ORDINANCE.** A complete copy of Ordinance No. 12-13 and map may be obtained at the office of the City Clerk located at City Hall, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

City of Las Vegas


Casandra Fresquez
City Clerk

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