

Bill No. _____

Ordinance No. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 24-39.1, SEWER SERVICE AND VOLUME CHARGES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSBURG AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: Section 24-39.1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- (a) The service charges for all residential users shall be set by separate ordinance of the city council.
- (b) For residential users receiving water service from Missouri American Water Company, or its successor, the sewer volume charge shall be based upon winter month's average water volume based upon data provided by Missouri American. For residential users not receiving water service from Missouri American Water Company, or its successor, the sewer volume charge shall be based upon the winter months' average water volume based upon data provided by the residential user in the form of billings from the water provider or readings of a meter installed by the user for this purpose, or failing the user providing this data in an amount set by separate ordinance. The winter month's average water volume is determined, for purposes of this section, by water usage during the months of January, February and March. These months will be determined by the water meter readings associated with each month, which may not coincide identically with the calendar month.
- (c) The winter month average volume shall be calculated each year and the new average used on the monthly bills with the first month following the March billing cycles. The same charge shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months after which the average is calculated again.
- (d) If a residential user has not established a winter month's average, the volume charge until the winter month's average is established shall be based upon the lesser of the actual monthly water usage rate for that billing cycle for that residential unit, or eight hundred (800) cubic feet. For any new sewer customer that does not receive water service from Missouri American water or its successor, the sewer customer shall notify the City of the new service within 10 days of establishing residency at the service address. Failing such notification and receipt of usage information as called for herein, the bills shall be issued in the name "occupant," and the owner of the property held responsible for any delinquency pursuant to Section 250.140 RSMo, and as the same may be amended.
- (e) If a customer uses sufficient amount of water which is not discharged into

the sewer system, such user may obtain a separate water meter for the water used for non-sewer purposes and exempt such meter from sewer charges.

- (f) Any customer that experiences a water leak, improper plumbing or other situation that may provide proof of a water usage not capable of being monitored by a separate water meter as provided in subsection (e) above may, within fifteen (15) days of the billing date, seek a credit adjustment to their bill on a form provided by the city. Documentation must be submitted with the request. Only one (1) such adjustment per life of an account will be considered.

Section Two: It is intended that the provisions of Section One be incorporated into the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warrensburg.

Section Three: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

Read two times and passed by title this _____ day of _____, 2018.

Danielle Johnston, Mayor

Attest:

Cindy Gabel, Clerk