

## ORDINANCE NO 1446

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KALAMA SETTING RATES FOR WATER SERVICES FOR 2021 AT A 6% INCREASE TO CURRENT 2020 RATES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF PROVIDING WATER SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY AMENDING KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.12.010 AND INCREASING AMOUNTS ALLOCATED FOR THE LOW-INCOME DISCOUNT RATE REDUCTIONS IN KALAMA MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 12.18.030.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Kalama contracted for a Water Rate Study in 2020 which has recommended that rates be increased to meet the needs of the system for operations and maintenance as well as for the future improvements to maintain the system and improvement the system to meet future growth;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council recognizes that current pandemic restrictions have affected employment, income and the economy and as such the recommendations in the Rate Study could place a burden on the citizenry;

**WHEREAS**, the City Council still finds it necessary to increase the rates charged to the customers in order to meet the needs of the system in an amount less than recommended in the Rate study;

**NOW THEREFORE** the City Council of the City of Kalama do ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Kalama Municipal Code Section 12.12.010 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12.12.010 Monthly rates and charges for water

A. The monthly rates and charges for water furnished inside the city limits to all users are fixed as follows:

1) **The volume charge or per 100 Cubic Foot rate for all users:**

Year	2020	2021
Per 1000 Cubic Fee	<del>\$2.15</del>	\$2.28

2) **Base rates based on meter classification and size are as follows:**

	2020	2021
Residential – All Meters	<del>\$10.70</del>	\$11.34
Multi-User -3/4in	<del>\$16.90</del>	\$17.91

Multi-User - 1 in	\$28.15	\$29.84
Multi-User - 1.5 in	\$54.00	\$57.24
Multi-User - 2 in	\$90.05	\$95.45
Multi-User - 3 in	\$181.25	\$192.13
Multi-User - 4 in	\$245.40	\$260.12
Comm/Ind - 3/4	\$12.95	\$13.73
Comm/Ind - 1	\$16.30	\$17.28
Comm/Ind - 1.5	\$76.55	\$81.14
Comm/Ind - 2	\$129.45	\$137.22
Comm/Ind - 3	\$197.00	\$208.82
Comm/Ind - 4	\$264.55	\$280.42
Comm/Ind - 6	\$388.40	\$411.70
Comm/Ind - 10	\$788.00	\$835.28

~~B. For all usage over three hundred fifty thousand cubic feet per month up to two million cubic feet per month~~ qualifying industrial users inside the city limits shall pay \$1.40 per 100 cubic feet for all usage over three hundred fifty thousand cubic feet per month up to two million cubic feet per month **customers will pay the following:**

<del>Year</del>	<del>2016</del>	<del>2017</del>	<del>2018</del>	<del>2019</del>	<del>2020</del>
<del>Inside Rate</del>	<del>\$1.45</del>	<del>\$1.60</del>	<del>\$1.75</del>	<del>\$1.90</del>	<del>\$2.15</del>
<del>Outside Rate (150%)</del>	<del>\$2.175</del>	<del>\$2.40</del>	<del>\$2.625</del>	<del>\$2.85</del>	<del>\$3.226</del>

~~No user shall be entitled to use more than two million cubic feet per month, unless such capacity exists and is readily available in the water system. A qualifying user is defined as a customer who has negotiated and paid an agreed upon financial contribution with the City based upon its maximum usage capacity, for capital improvements to the water system, treatment costs or future maintenance costs. **By 2020 the City will no longer offer a declining rate structure to qualified users and the consumption rate will be the same for all consumer usage.**~~

#### B. Outside Water Rates

1) All charges for water services provided to residential and multi-family residential customers outside the Kalama City limits shall be set at a rate of 185% of the charges for water services within the Kalama City limits.

2) All charges for water services provided to commercial and industrial customers outside the Kalama City limits shall be set at a rate of 150% of the

charges for water services within the Kalama City limits

D. Any existing structure having mixed uses and serviced by only one meter shall be classified and charged at the higher applicable meter fee. Any new structures shall be required to meter each classification of usage separately.

E. The base meter fee for water service provided to all manufactured home parks or housing development with multi-family units serviced through a master meter shall be computed on the single or multi-family dwellings with the meter fee computed as if each individual unit were metered separately.

F. The use of fire hydrants and standpipes connected to the city water system for other than fire prevention purposes shall be by special permit obtained from the department of public works. Any individual, firm, company, contractor, corporation, or other entity, withdrawing water from city water hydrants and standpipes, prior to first withdrawing such water, shall obtain a permit therefor from the city clerk-treasurer at the cost as set by resolution of the City Council which shall allow the permittee to withdraw up to 5000 gallons of water under such permit at no additional charge. Additional water may be withdrawn under such permit for the payment of all such additional water at a rate as set by resolution of the City Council. All applicants for such permit shall receive written instructions on fire hydrant use and shall be required, as part of the permit process, to agree to comply with such instructions or be held accountable therefor for any damage to city property.

**SECTION 2:** Kalama Municipal Code Chapter 12.18.030 is amended to read as follows:

12.18.030 - Discount.

Eligible persons residing inside the city limits occupying residential dwellings shall be eligible for a reduction as established by resolution of the city council, currently (as of January 2021) in the amount of ~~five dollars and seventy-five cents~~ **seven dollars (\$7.00)** for water and ~~thirteen (\$13)~~ **fifteen dollars (\$15.00)** for sewer per month, provided they apply and are qualified as low income. **A fifty cent (.50) amount will also be credited from stormwater as part of the discount for fees assessed under KMC Chapter 13 Stormwater Utility.** For eligible persons residing outside the city limits, the discount will be calculated in the same manner as the water and sewer services are calculated.

**SECTION 3:** Acts consistent with this ordinance, but prior to its effective date, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**SECTION 4:** Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4:** The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective commencing with bills issued for readings taken in January of 2021.

Passed by the City Council of the City of Kalama at a regular meeting held on the 3rd of December, 2020.

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Mayor Mike Reuter

Attest:

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Coni McMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

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