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**§3-200 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; OPERATION AND FUNDING.**

The Municipality owns and operates the Municipal Water Department through the Public Works Director. The Governing Body, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the care, management, and maintenance of the Municipal Water Department, may each year levy a tax not exceeding the maximum limit prescribed by state law on the actual valuation of all real estate and personal property within the corporate limits that is subject to taxation. The revenue from the said tax shall be known as the Water Fund and shall remain in the custody of the Municipal Treasurer.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-201 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; ADMINISTRATION.**

- (1) The Public Works Director shall have the direct management and control of the Municipal Water Department and shall faithfully carry out the duties of his office. The Public Works Director shall have the authority to adopt regulations for the proper and efficient management of the Water Department subject to the supervision and review of the City Council.
- (2) The City Council shall set the rates to be charged for services rendered by ordinance and shall file a copy of the rates in the office of the Public Works Director and in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection at any reasonable time.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-202 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; DEFINITIONS.**

The following definitions shall be applied throughout this Article. Where no definition is specified, the normal dictionary usage of the word shall apply:

- (1) *Main*. The term "main" is hereby defined to be any pipe four inches in diameter or larger, other than a supply or service pipe, that is used for the purpose of carrying water to and dispersing the same in the Municipality.
- (2) *Supply pipe*. The term "supply pipe" is hereby defined to be any pipe tapped into a main and extending from there to a point where the curb stop and box are located at or near the outer sidewalk line of the street in which the main is laid.
- (3) *Service pipe*. The term "service pipe" is hereby defined to be any pipe extending from the curb stop at or near the outer sidewalk line to and beyond the property line of the consumer to the location on the premises where the water is to be dispersed.
- (4) *Separate premises*. The term "separate premises" is hereby defined to be a separate dwelling or apartment, a building or structure

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used for a separate business, or each distinct business in a business building or structure.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-203 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; CUSTOMER CONTRACT.**

- (1) The Municipality shall furnish water to persons within its corporate limits whose premises abut a street or alley in which a water main now is laid. The Municipality may furnish water to persons within its corporate limits whose premises do not abut a street or alley in which a water main is now or hereafter may be laid by resolution of the City Council and at the expense of the owner of the premises to be served. The rules, regulations, and water rates hereinafter named in this Article shall be considered a part of every application hereafter made for water service and shall be considered a part of the contract between every consumer now or hereafter served.
- (2) Without further formality, the making of an application on the part of any applicant or the use or consumption of water service by present consumers thereof and the furnishing of water service to said consumer shall constitute a contract between the consumer and the Municipality to which said contract both parties are bound. The Municipality reserves the right to change rates, charges, and conditions of service from time to time in connection with furnishing water to the consumer. If the consumer shall violate any of the provisions of said contract or any reasonable rules and regulations that the City Council may hereafter adopt, the Public Works Director or his agent may cut off or disconnect the water service from the building or premises or place of such violation. No further connection for water service to said building, premises, or place shall again be made save or except by order of the Public Works Director or his agent.
- (3) Contracts for water service are not transferable. Any person wishing to change from one location to another shall make a new application. If any consumer shall move from the premises where service is furnished or if the said premises is destroyed by fire or other casualty, he shall at once inform the Public Works Director who shall cause the water service to be shut off at the said premises. If the consumer should fail to give such notice, he shall be charged for all water used on the said premises until the Public Works Director is otherwise advised of such circumstances.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

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**§3-204 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; CUSTOMER APPLICATION.**

Every person or persons desiring a supply of water must make application therefor to the Public Works Director. The Director shall require any applicant to pay a connection fee in such amount as has been set by the City Council and placed on file at the office of the Utilities Department. Water may not be supplied to any premises except upon the order of the Director.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-205 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; SERVICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.**

The Department shall not supply water service to any person outside the corporate limits without special permission from the City Council; provided, such applicants whose property is situated outside the City shall pay tap and installation fees in such sums as determined in each case by the Public Works Director and set by resolution of the City Council. Nothing herein shall be construed to obligate the Municipality to provide water service to non-residents or, once service is provided, to continue to provide service to non-residents.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-206 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; TAP FEE.**

Upon application for installation of a water supply line, the Public Works Director shall determine the required tap fee to be paid by the applicant. The schedule of tap fees shall be set in section 3-225. The fee shall be paid in full in advance of installation of the water tap and the water supply line

*(Ord. 1335 (1996); Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-207 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; SUPPLY LINE INSTALLATION.**

Upon payment of the appropriate tap fee, the Public Works Director shall make or cause to be made the connection to the water main and shall install the supply pipe to the curb stop at a point at or near the outer sidewalk line in the street in which the main is laid.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-208 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; SEPARATE TAPS REQUIRED.**

Not more than one separate premises as hereinafter defined, except by special permission of the City Council, shall be supplied from the same tap and supply pipe, except as follows:

- (1) Mobile home and trailer courts and multiple family dwellings will be served through one service and supply pipe; provided, however, individual meters will be required for each occupancy as per section 3-224.

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- (2) Not more than one water supply and service line shall be run to one premises, excepting supply lines for fire protection, sprinkler systems, and by special permission of the City Council.
- (3) Fire suppression or sprinkler lines are required to have separate taps and supply lines from domestic taps and supply lines to each premise. Fire suppression or sprinkler lines are required, at a minimum, to have a valve located with outside access, at the proximity of the property line where the supply lines enter the property. Where building or fire codes require a post indicator valve, one will be required in place of the valve. The post indicator valve will be placed in a location plainly visible at or near the property line unless required by building or fire codes. The customer will be responsible for all costs associated with installation of the separate tap or supply line.

*(Ord. 1195 (1993); Ord. 1400 (1998); Ord. 1477 (2000))*

**§3-209 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION.**

- (1) All service lines from the curb stop to the premises to be served will be installed by a plumber licensed by the City of Crete. Service lines will be installed, repaired, or replaced at the expense of the owner of the premises served. If the applicant's property does not abut a street in which a water main is laid, such applicant shall petition the City Council to cause the water main to be laid in the abutting street and to specially assess the cost as provided by law. The City Council may, by resolution, permit the applicant, at his own expense, to construct a water service line from the curb stop at or near the outer sidewalk line on the street in which the water main is laid to his own premises, regardless of the distance.
- (2) All installations, repairs, or replacements of service pipes require two inspections by the Public Works Director. The first inspection will be made when connections or repairs are completed and before the pipes are covered. The second inspection will be made after the work is completed. It shall be the responsibility of the customer to notify the Public Works Director at the time the work is ready for each inspection. All work shall be done under the supervision of and in accordance with rules, regulations, and specifications prescribed for such work by the Public Works Director; provided, that the said rules, regulations, and specifications have been reviewed and approved by the City Council.
- (3) If the connection of a new supply pipe and service pipe is to be made to any water main or mains, which have been laid and constructed in a water district or water extension district of the City of Crete, wherein special assessments have been levied upon

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the property in said district to pay all or any part of the cost of the construction thereof and the property to which said connection is to be made has not been assessed in said district or if the connection is to be made to any water main or mains hereafter laid or constructed by the City without the levying of any special assessments on the premises to be served for the construction thereof, the person desiring said connection shall pay the Crete Water Department a special connection charge set by the City Council. The aforesaid fees and charges shall be in addition to the other connection fees and charges provided for in this Chapter. The said special connection charge shall be paid only once with respect to said property. For the purposes of this section, front footage of the lot is determined as that portion of the lot facing the water main to which the person wishes to connect. Such connection charge shall be paid in advance of connection.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-210 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; WATER METERS.**

- (1) All water meters shall be provided by and shall remain the property of the Municipality. All meters shall be of the straight reading type, meeting AWWA Standard C-700, and shall be placed on all water services. Approved connections will be furnished by the Municipality to be installed by the licensed plumber, and the meter will be installed by the Municipality. A remote water meter reading device furnished by the Municipality shall be installed at any premises where required by the Public Works Director. The location of the remote meter reading device on the customer's premises shall be determined by the Public Works Director.
- (2) All water meters shall be installed in a horizontal position with the register facing directly upward at a height and in a location where they may be easily read and as near as possible to the point where the water service pipe enters the premises served. Meters must be kept readily accessible. Water meters shall be protected from damage from freezing, either by installation in a heated area of the building or by special permission, by installation in a meter vault designed and constructed in accordance with specifications provided by the Public Works Director, said vault to be constructed and maintained by the owner of the premises served. The customer shall pay all costs incurred by the Water Department in repairing or replacing water meters damaged by freezing or any cause other than normal wear.
- (3) All water meters shall be sealed upon installation by the Municipality, and no person shall deface, injure, or break any of said seals unless authorized to do so by the Public Works Director.

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- (4) The owner of a premises connected to the water system must have a valve in the service pipe, not more than five feet from the meter, between the meter and the curb stop, and for services one inch in diameter, or larger, an additional valve, within two feet of the meter, on the outlet side of the meter. If a consumer's water service cannot be interrupted during normal working hours for water meter servicing or replacement, then the customer must provide a three valve bypass or similar plumbing arrangement capable of being locked and sealed in the closed position. Furnishing, repairing, or replacing the valves required shall be the responsibility of the owner of the premises.
- (5) It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to tamper with any water meter or by means of any contrivance or device to divert the water from the service pipe so that the same will not pass through the meter, or while passing through the meter cause the same to register inaccurately. If any water meter is found to have been tampered with, the water bill will be estimated for the period of time the meter is judged to have been inaccurate. The cost of replacing the meter or restoring its accuracy shall be paid by the customer.
- (6) The Municipality shall have the exclusive power to repair and test all meters. All repairs for normal wear and tear and scheduled tests shall be made at the expense of the Municipality. The Municipality reserves the right to test any water meter at any time. The customer is hereby granted the reciprocal right to have his water meter tested a reasonable number of times, upon his written request. One meter test will be made at no cost to the customer. Subsequent tests will be made on the customer's agreement, in advance, that the customer will pay all costs of testing the meter if the tests show the meter to be accurate within AWWA standards. If the meter is inaccurate, all testing and repair costs will be paid by the Municipality.
- (7) Should a water meter get out of repair or fail to register properly, the customer shall be billed and charged, and shall pay for water during the time the meter is out of order on the basis of monthly consumption during the like period of the preceding year, or if no such basis for comparison exists, the customer shall be charged such amount as reasonably fixed by the Public Works Director.

(Ord. 1400 (1998))

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**§3-211 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; METER PITS.**

Meter pits permitted by section 3-210 shall be constructed by the applicant near the lot line of the premises served and shall conform with specifications provided by the Public Works Director. If the Public Works Director determines that the pit does not provide adequate access to the meter for servicing or reading, that the meter is subjected to freezing or flooding, or other hindrance to its intended use, then the Public Works Director may give notice to the owner of the premises of the deficiency and require that the owner repair or replace the meter pit, have the meter location changed, or otherwise correct the deficiency. If the owner should fail or neglect to correct the deficiency within thirty days of the notice, the Public Works Director may order the correction made, and the costs thereof shall be billed to the owner and will be collected by the Municipality in the same manner as other water charges

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-212 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; ACCESS TO PREMISES.**

The various persons employed by the Public Works Director and every person delegated for that purpose shall have free access at reasonable hours of the day to all parts of every building and premises to which water is delivered to examine the pipes and fixtures and to ascertain whether there is any unnecessary waste of water, improper metering of water, or any exposure of the water system to contamination of any kind, on or in the premises served.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-213 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.**

The Municipality shall repair or replace, as the case may be, all supply pipe between the commercial main and the stop box. If the customer permits or allows a water meter to be damaged, injured, or destroyed through his own recklessness, carelessness, or negligence so that the meter must be repaired or replaced, the Public Works Director shall bill and collect from the customer the cost of such meter repair or replacement. Permitting a water meter to be damaged or destroyed by freezing shall always be considered negligence on the part of the customer. The customer, at his own expense, shall replace and keep in repair all service pipe from the stop box to the place of dispersion. When leaks occur in service pipes, the Public Works Director shall shut off water service until the leak is repaired at the expense of the customer to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

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**§3-214 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; WATER SHORTAGES.**

The Mayor or the Public Works Director may order a reduction in the use of water or shut off the water on any premises in the event of a water shortage due to fire or other good and sufficient cause. The Municipality shall not be liable for any damages caused by shutting off the supply of water of any consumer while the system or any part thereof is undergoing repairs or when there is a shortage of water due to circumstances over which the Municipality has no control.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-215 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; FIRE HYDRANTS.**

All hydrants for the purpose of extinguishing fires are hereby declared to be public hydrants, and it shall be unlawful for any person other than members of the Municipal Fire Department under the orders of the Fire Chief or the Assistant Fire Chief or members of the Water Department to open or attempt to open any of the hydrants and draw water from the same or in any manner to interfere with the hydrants.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-216 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; CONTAMINATION PROHIBITED.**

- (1) No person shall place in or near or around the wells, reservoir, meter pits, valves, hydrants, or any other part of the waterworks system any dirt, filth, or impure substance whatsoever or any substance or fluid by which the water shall be rendered impure, unpalatable, or dangerous for human or animal consumption.
- (2) Devices for protection against backflow will be installed on the service lines of all premises where in the judgment of the Public Works Director the possibility exists for contamination of the water system through backflow from the consumers premises. The cost of such devices, installation, and maintenance shall be paid by the consumer. Specifications for the devices, their installation, inspections, repair, and maintenance shall meet standards set by the Public Works Director.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-217 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully or carelessly break, injure, or deface any building, machinery, apparatus, fixture, attachment, or appurtenance of the Municipal Water Department. No person may deposit anything in a stop box or commit any act tending to obstruct or impair the intended use of any of the above-mentioned property without the written permission of the Public Works Director.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*



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**§3-218 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; MAINS CONSTRUCTION.**

The cost of constructing and laying water mains, pipes, or such parts thereof shall be assessed to the property benefited by said constructing and laying water mains, pipes, or such parts thereof, including cost of construction and laying water mains, pipes, or such parts thereof in the intersections of streets and alleys and opposite property belonging to the City, State, or the United States, pursuant to the laws of the State as now exist and as the same may be amended. Water main assessments shall be based on a main size of six (6") inches inside diameter in residential areas. Smaller mains will be installed only by resolution of the City Council. All water main improvement districts will provide a complete loop or grid system and will extend to the limits of the district

(Ord. 1400 (1998))

**§3-219 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; CUSTOMER CLASSIFICATIONS.**

Customers of the Water Department shall be classified as follows for purposes of setting rates, charges, and other conditions of service:

- (1) *Residential Service R-1.* All single-family residences and individually metered apartments for all domestic services when all service is supplied through a single meter.
- (2) *Residential Service R-2.* All multi-family residences and individually metered apartments for all domestic services when all service is supplied through a single meter.
- (3) *Commercial Service C-1.* Any customer for general uses other than residential domestic service where service is taken through a two-inch or smaller meter.
- (4) *Industrial Service I-1.* Any customer for general uses other than residential domestic service where service is taken through a larger than two-inch meter.
- (5) *Churches and Schools B.* Churches and schools for uses other than residential domestic of service taken on the off-peak schedule.
- (6) *Off-peak BL.* Qualifying facilities using water only at times permitted by the applicable rate scheduled through an approved delivery installation and at no other times.
  - (a) For the purposes of this subsection, off-peak irrigation customers are defined as property owners who have installed separate meters for soil irrigation system, use the water solely for soil irrigation purposes, use water only during off-peak periods (peak periods being defined as from three o'clock p.m. to nine o'clock p.m. from April 1st to November 1st), and who have installed special control and monitoring devices as required by the Public Works Director to insure

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compliance with off-peak usage. Any customer who qualifies for off-peak water rate usage who violates the terms of this Article shall be billed for such water used at the normal residential and commercial rate.

- (b) Exemption from the monthly minimum rates as aforesaid shall be allowed for the time service has been discontinued only when such service has been discontinued after notice to the Public Works Director. No deduction shall be made for the time any service remains out of use.
- (7) *Cash Water Sales CW.* This classification applies to sales of water made through City water dispensing facilities into tanks or vessels owned or operated by the customer or water delivered otherwise to customers other than through a regularly metered private premises.
- (8) *Interruptible Service D.* This service is available to any water system customer with a non-community water system licensed by or operating under a permit from the State of Nebraska, said system having capability to produce the customer's total water use requirements from a source or sources approved by the State of Nebraska and these sources independent of the Crete Water System.
- (a) The City will provide, and the customer will purchase from the City, total water requirements within the City's capability to deliver water at all times. Should the City's capability to supply water be limited by equipment or control failure, unforeseeable water use by customers in other classifications, fire flows, hydrant flushing, nondeferrable maintenance, or other circumstances, the customer may supplement the City supply for the customer's approved independent source to the extent of the City's deficiency. Water produced by customer from independent source shall not be permitted to enter the City water system.
  - (b) The customer will continuously maintain a State license or permit to operate the customer's water system and will continue to sample, analyze, and monitor the water within the customer's water system as required by this license or permit and will meet water operator certification requirements of the State of Nebraska.
  - (c) The rate for water herein shall be only for industrial or commercial production purposes and the City does not agree herein to furnish water for any other purposes, including fire protection.
- (9) *Mobile Contractor Service Metering CM.* This service is available to commercial builders, contractors, or others who cannot provide a protected environment for permanent placement of water service meters but require nondomestic water service on a temporary basis

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at varying locations.

- (a) The City will provide tested and approved meters equipped with permanent affixed backflow prevention devices for persons desiring this service. Any person wishing service under these terms and conditions must first make a deposit with the Public Works Director for each meter before being issued a meter. The person issued the meter will then be responsible for the care and condition of the meter until annual inspection or the meter is returned and service is no longer desired.
- (b) The person issued the meter is required to return the meter for inspection each January. If the meter or backflow device is found to be damaged in any way, the deposit will be forfeited and the meter will not be reissued. If the person wishes to continue service, another deposit will be posted.
- (c) Commercial water rates and minimums based on meter size will be billed monthly for water used.

*(Ord. 1035 (1987); Ord. 1336 (1996); Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-220 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; ACCOUNTS AND BILLING.**

- (1) Accounts between the customer and the City shall be kept by the Public Works Director under such bookkeeping system as shall be provided by the Mayor and Council. A customer's ledger shall be kept current with a separate account for each customer. All water meters shall be read monthly under the direction of the Public Works Director. Customers shall pay Utilities Department bookkeepers and cashiers at the Utilities Department Office the amount due for water service.
- (2) All bills for water service shall be due on the billing date and shall become delinquent on the due date as shown on the bill. If the customer shall neglect or refuse to pay his bill on or before five o'clock p.m. on the due date shown on the bill, the amount due will be increased by the late payment charge, if applicable. If the bill is not paid on or before the due date, a notice will be mailed to the customer that water service will be discontinued no earlier than ten nor more than sixteen days after the due date shown on the bill, with no further notice, and that service will not be restored until the bill is paid in full, together with collection fees, reconnection fees, and repayment of deposit, if applicable, as set by ordinance.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998); Ord. 1433 (1998))*

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**§3-221 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; SERVICE DEPOSIT.**

An applicant shall be required to accompany his application for water service with a service deposit to insure the payment of water bills and other charges. The service deposit amounts are set by ordinance by the City Council. The service deposit shall remain in the custody of the Utility Department for a minimum of two years. Service deposits shall be refunded to the customer when service has not been disconnected or payment waived past disconnect date on no more than one occasion for two consecutive years, three for commercial customers, or when service is no longer desired or otherwise permanently terminated.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998); Ord. 1434 (1998))*

**§3-222 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; CITY LIABILITY.**

- (1) The City does not guarantee the delivery of water in the lines of its distribution system at any time to any person. The City expressly reserves the right to disconnect or discontinue service for any of the following reasons: supply shortage; repairs necessary to be made on any part of its plant, pumps, pump house, equipment, or distribution system; nonpayment of bills when due; fraudulent representations in regard to the consumption or use of water; the protection of persons or property; or, violation of any of the rules or requirements of this Article or subsequent amendments thereto.
- (2) The City shall use due and reasonable diligence to provide and supply uninterrupted service to customers but shall not be liable for damages resulting from interruption of service due to line breaks, freezing, or other causes over which the City has no control or for damages arising out of any plumbing or equipment inside any building, whether inspected by agents of the City or not, and the City expressly reserves the right to refuse to connect or to discontinue or disconnect a customer's service, without any preliminary notice, for reasons set forth in this Article or for any other reason.
- (3) The customer shall have interior house plumbing, or other plumbing about the place or premises in which water service is to be used, done by a licensed and bonded plumber, but under no circumstances shall connections be made with the pipes of the water distribution system and supply pipes of the City and the pipes of the customer except at the order of the Public Works Director. All plumbing of customers shall be installed in accordance with the rules of the Uniform Plumbing Code incorporated by reference in Chapter 9.

*(Ord. 1400 (1998))*

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**§3-223 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; RATES.**

The following monthly rate schedules shall apply to all customers of the Municipal Water Department according to the applicable service classifications:

- (1) *Minimum Monthly Service Charge.* This charge is determined by the size of the meter through which the customer receives service according to the following table for service under all classifications except cash water sales:

Beginning January 1, 2020

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	Monthly Service Charge
3/4"	1.67	\$16.95
1"	2.67	\$27.73
1 1/2"	3.33	\$56.16
2"	5.33	\$89.78
3"	10.00	\$167.58
4"	16.66	\$279.88

Beginning January 1, 2021

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	Monthly Service Charge
3/4"	1.67	\$17.77
1"	2.67	\$29.05
1 1/2"	3.33	\$58.84
2"	5.33	\$94.05
3"	10.00	\$175.56
4"	16.66	\$293.21

Beginning January 1, 2022

Meter Size	Meter Equivalent	Monthly Service Charge
3/4"	1.67	\$18.57
1"	2.67	\$30.37
1 1/2"	3.33	\$61.51
2"	5.33	\$98.33
3"	10.00	\$183.54
4"	16.66	\$306.53

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- (2) *Commodity Charge*. This charge is determined by the amount of water measured through the meter which the customer receives according to the following table for all classifications except cash water sales:

Beginning August 1, 2020

\$0.98 per 1,000 gallons for the first 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.81 per 1,000 gallons for the next 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.81 per 1,000 gallons for over 100,000 gallons used per month

Beginning August 1, 2021

\$1.00 per 1,000 gallons for the first 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.83 per 1,000 gallons for the next 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.83 per 1,000 gallons for over 100,000 gallons used per month

Beginning August 1, 2022

\$1.03 per 1,000 gallons for the first 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.85 per 1,000 gallons for the next 50,000 gallons used per month
\$0.85 per 1,000 gallons for over 100,000 gallons used per month

- (3) *Off-peak Service*. In addition to the minimum monthly service charge, the following shall be paid for water metered: \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons per month for all use.
- (4) *Cash Water Sales*: \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons for all use, with a \$3.00 minimum per request.

*(Ord. 1035 (1987); Ord. 1193 (1993); Ord. 1276 (1995); Ord. 1400 (1998); Ord. 1686 (2007); Ord. 1812 (2011); Ord. 1834 (2012); Ord. 1848 (2013); Ord. 2083 (2019))*

**§3-224 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY SERVICE.**

Individual water meters must be installed for each occupancy in all multiple occupancy facilities (*i.e.* apartment houses, trailer courts, mobile homes, apartments, condominiums) or other multiple family dwellings constructed from and after the passage of this ordinance. The owner of all such multiple occupancy facilities in existence at the time of the passage of this ordinance are required to install individual water meters for each occupancy by January 1, 1996 or pay a rate adjusted on a per occupancy basis.

*(Ord. 1066 (1989); Ord. 1194 (1993); Ord. 1400 (1998))*

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**§3-225 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; FEES AND CHARGES.**

- (1) *Connection Charges:*
  - (a) Connections or reconnections made during normal working hours: \$2.00
  - (b) Connections or reconnections made outside normal working hours at customer's request: \$25.00
- (2) *Late-payment Charges:* 10% of total bill.
- (3) *Collection Charges:* \$5.00
- (4) *Service Deposits:*
  - (a) Permanent meters: \$10.00
  - (b) Mobile service meters: \$100.00
- (5) *Tap Fees.* All tap fees will be paid in full before any work is to commence. If costs exceed fee, the responsible party will be billed the balance. If water tap is installed in a water improvement or other improvement district, the charge for the tap will be as set and assessed according to the district. If less than the amount set forth herein, a refund shall be given to the customer and, if greater than the amount set forth herein, the responsible party will be charged the balance due.
  - (a) *Minimum charges:*
    - (i) 3/4" service: \$588.00 plus \$9.50 per foot over 60 feet.
    - (ii) 1" service: \$642.00 plus \$11.00 per foot over 60 feet.
    - (iii) 1 1/2" service: \$883.00 plus \$15.00 per foot over 60 feet.
    - (iv) 2" service: \$1,284.00 plus \$21.50 per foot over 60 feet.
    - (v) Over 2" service: As set by Public Works Director
  - (b) *Additional charges.* All tap fees will include, in addition to the above charges, costs of removal and replacement of paving, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, and any other such items that must be removed and replaced in order to install the service. Tap fees for larger service lines will be set by the Public Works Director on an individual basis.
- (6) *Special Connection Charges.* Special connection charges are in addition to tap fees, connection fees, and other charges.
  - (a) Lots up to 44' of frontage: \$308.00
  - (b) Lots over 44' of frontage: \$7.00 per foot of frontage
- (7) *Service Calls:*
  - (a) In normal working hours:
    - (i) Pressure/flow check: No charge.
    - (ii) Meter leak: No charge unless the result of freezing or mechanical damage, then minimum charge of \$35.00.

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- (iii) Shut-off or turn-on for customer line or valve replacement: No charge.
  - (iv) Leak investigation: No charge, except for repair or replacement of damaged meters.
- (b) Outside normal working hours:
- (i) Pressure/flow check: No charge if the City Water Department facilities are at fault. Customer will be charged a minimum of \$35.00 plus labor and materials if customer's facilities are at fault. No repair of customer's facilities will be made by Water Department personnel.
  - (ii) Meter leak: No charge unless the result of freezing or mechanical damage, then minimum charge of \$35.00 plus labor and materials.

*(Ord. 1339 (1996); Ord. 1400 (1998))*

**§3-226 MUNICIPAL WATER DEPARTMENT; MAINTENANCE SERVICE CHARGE.**

Effective January 1, 2006, there is hereby implemented a maintenance service charge of \$10.00 per customer or account per month for each residence, business, or industry connected to the City Water System to help defray the cost of maintenance of the City Water System. This charge shall be in addition to all other charges for water service and shall apply to each separate residence, residential apartment, business, or industry, whether served by separate water service or meter or not. Funds received from this service charge may be used in any manner that the City Council of the City of Crete shall so direct.

*(Ord. 1639 (2005))*