

By Alderperson : Van Vorst

Seconded by Alderperson : Common Council as A Whole

LOCAL LAW NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 2011

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND LOCAL LAW NO. 4 OF 2006 TO INCREASE WATER FINES AND SURCHARGES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE Common Council of the City of Rensselaer as follows:

1. Section 175-5 of the City Charter of the City of Rensselaer shall be as follows:

		<u>Current</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Estimated Fee	Residential	\$100.00	SAME
	Commercial	\$500.00	SAME
Final Reads	Residential	\$50.00	SAME
Water Tap Fee	Residential	\$1,800.00	SAME
	Commercial	\$2,500.00	SAME
Non-Compliance	Residential	\$1,000.00	SAME
	Commercial	\$2,500.00	SAME
Purchase of Meter		\$250.00	\$325.00
Water Turn On		\$75.00	SAME
Water Turn Off		\$75.00	SAME
Broken Seal (fine and arrest)		\$1,000.00	SAME
Meter Testing	Residential	\$100.00	SAME
	Commercial	\$250.00	SAME
		(1" or under)	
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Fire Service Fees (Bi-annual)		\$500.00	SAME
Fire Service Fee (Hilton)		\$150.00/mo.	SAME
Water Sample (Amtrak)		\$55.00/mo.	\$75.00/mo.
Fire Service (Amtrak)		\$500.00/bi-ann.	SAME.
Hydrant Meter Use		\$250.00	SAME
		w/Water Dept. approval	
Hydrant Meter Monthly		\$100.00	SAME
Hydrant Water Charge (per thousand gallons)		\$6.25	\$1.00 above rate
Cost Per Thousand Gallons		\$4.95 (rate)	\$5.95 (rate)
Minimum Charge (Residential/bi-annual)		\$75.00	\$75.00
	(per 15,000 gals.)	(per 12,060 gals.)	
Minimum Charge (Commercial)		\$45.00/mo.	\$55.00/mo.
Out of City Customers		25% of Bill	SAME
(Line Fee)			
Unauthorized Use of Hydrant (Fine and arrest)		\$2,500.00(w/arrest)	SAME

NON-COMPLIANCE FOR FAULTY EQUIPMENT - \$250.00 FOR 30 DAYS NOT COMPLYING, THEN \$500.00 EVERY MONTH THEREAFTER UNTIL COMPLETED.

Sewer Line Maintenance Fee Residents pay 5% of bill
Commercial pay 10% of bill

Water Theft Fines	Residential	\$2,500.00 w/arrest	SAME
	Commercial	\$3,500.00 w/arrest	SAME
Re-levy Charge			\$250.00
Reconnect Fee due to Non-Payment			\$500.00

175-10 Fees for Testing Final Read, Termination and Reconnect.

- A. Testing. Upon application accompanied by uniform fee of \$100.00 for residential and \$250.00 for commercial accounts, (1" or under), the owner or occupant of any property to which water is being furnished shall be entitled to have his meter tested. In the event that such test shows that the meter measures accurately within the limits established by the American Water Works Association, the applicant fee shall be retained by the city, otherwise the fee shall be returned to the applicant. The standard specifications of the American Water Works Association shall be used for testing all meters 1" or under.
- B. Final read. If upon request to the Water Department a final reading is performed and reported, then there shall be a uniform fee for reading and administration in the amount of \$50.00.
- C. Termination and reconnect fee. If at the request of the homeowner water service is shut off by the Water Department at the curb box, there shall be a uniform fee of \$75.00.

175.12 Hydrant Meters.

- A. Upon application to and approval by the Commissioner of Water, accompanied by a uniform fee of \$250.00, a party may utilize the hydrant system accompanied by a hydrant meter approved by the Department of Water, plus the cost of water usage equal to \$1.00 per thousand gallons above the rate charged to residential users.
- B. A fee shall be paid for the use of a hydrant meter made available pursuant to Subsection A of this section, equal to \$100.00 for each 30-day period the meter is issued to the applicant.
- C. There shall be a fine imposed in the amount of \$2,500.00 and arrest for any unauthorized use of the hydrant system.

175.13 Private Property: Responsibilities; Maintenance; Fine.

Chang of "C" ONLY. Fine. Noncompliance for proper corrective action shall result in a fine of \$1,000.00 for residents, and \$2,500.00 for commercial.

175-7 Public Use of Water.

The Commissioner of Water shall have the power and it shall be his or her duty to charge the city at large a reasonable amount per annum for use of water in the public buildings of the city and other public use and it shall be included in the annual tax budget approved by the Common Council and Mayor.

2. This Local Law shall take effect as provided by law.

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Total	10	0

Approved as to form and sufficiency
 this 20th day of July 2011

John P. Dickhoff
 Corporation Counsel

Demil Salinger
 Mayor