

ORDINANCE NO. 149, 2013
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
AMENDING CHAPTER 26 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS
TO REVISE THE WATER PLANT INVESTMENT FEES

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, to from time to time fix, establish, maintain and provide for the collection of such rates, fees or charges for utility services furnished by the City as will produce revenues sufficient to pay the costs, expenses and other obligations of the water utility, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-120 of the City Code provides that the rates and parameters of the water plant investment fees be reviewed annually by the City Manager and shall be presented to City Council for approval no less frequently than biennially; and

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2011, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 139, 2011, which established the plant investment fees that are now in effect; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is appropriate for new development to contribute its proportionate share of providing capital improvements; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends that existing water plant investment fees be adjusted based on the current replacement cost of the capital facilities that will be needed to serve new development and for future growth related capital expansion; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager and City staff have recommended to the City Council the following adjustments to the water plant investment fees to be effective January 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Water Board considered the proposed water plant investment fee changes for 2014 at its September 19, 2013, meeting and recommended the approval of the proposed changes by an unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, based on the foregoing, it is the desire of the City Council to amend Chapter 26 of the City Code to revise the water plant investment fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS as follows:

Section 1. That Section 26-128 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-128. Schedule C, water plant investment fees.

The water plant investment fee prescribed in § 26-120 shall be payable by users both inside and outside of the City, as follows:

(1) *Single-family residential buildings:* For the first three-fourths-inch water tap or meter, a fee of seven hundred twenty dollars (\$720.) for a single-family residence, plus thirty-two cents (\$0.32) for each square foot of lot area. For a single-family residential lot greater than one-half (½) acre in size, the lot size shall be deemed to be one-half (½) acre for the purpose of this fee calculation. For each additional tap or meters larger than three-fourths (¾) inch, the nonresidential rate shall apply.

(2) *Residential buildings of two (2) or more dwelling units:* For each residential building unit, a fee of five hundred forty dollars (\$540.), plus twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each square foot of lot area. The fee will provide for one (1) tap per residential building and an adequate number of additional taps to serve common irrigable areas, if any. The number and size of taps shall be determined by the General Manager based upon the criteria established in the Colorado Plumbing Code as amended pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Code.

(3) *Mobile home parks:* For each mobile home park, a fee of five hundred forty dollars (\$540.) for each mobile home space in the park, plus twenty-five cents (\$0.25) for each square foot of lot area. The fee will provide for one (1) tap per mobile home park. The size of the tap shall be determined by the General Manager based upon the criteria established in the Colorado Plumbing Code as amended pursuant to Chapter 5 of the Code.

(4) *Hotels, rooming houses, sororities, fraternities and similar uses:* The nonresidential rate shall apply.

(5) *Nonresidential service:*

- a. Service to all nonresidential taps, including but not limited to taps for commercial and industrial service, shall be charged according to the size of the meter pursuant to the following schedule:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Nonresidential Plant Investment Fee</i>
¾	\$ 7,000
1	19,050
1½	41,600
2	64,410

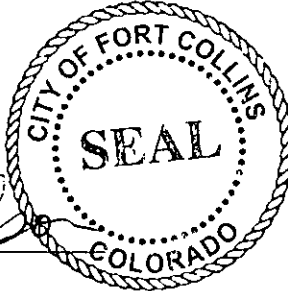
b. The fee for all meters larger than two (2) inches shall be negotiated with the Utilities Executive Director and shall be based on estimated peak day demand but shall not be less than the charge for a two-inch meter.

Section 2. That the amendments to Chapter 26 of the City Code contained herein shall go into effect on January 1, 2014.

Introduced and considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 15th day of October, A.D. 2013, and to be presented for final passage on the 5th day of November, A.D. 2013.

ATTEST:

Wanda Nelson
City Clerk

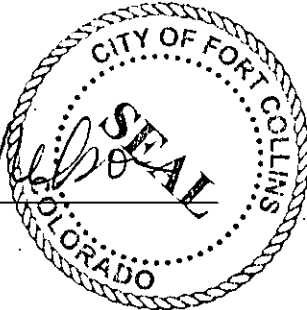


Karen Weithorn
Mayor

Passed and adopted on final reading on the 5th day of November, A.D. 2013.

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Mayor Pro Tem