

# AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

## FORT COLLINS CITY COUNCIL

ITEM NUMBER: 24 A-E

DATE: November 4, 2003

STAFF: WendyWilliams  
Bill Bray/Ellen Switzer

### SUBJECT

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Items Relating to Utility Rates and Charges for 2004.

### RECOMMENDATION

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Staff recommends adoption of the Ordinances on First Reading.

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

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These ordinances are projected to increase annual Light and Power Fund Revenues by 5.3%, Wastewater Fund operating revenues by 5%, and Storm Drainage Fund operating revenues are projected to increase 10%. There are no changes to operating revenues in the Water Fund.

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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- A. First Reading of Ordinance No. 151, 2003, Amending Chapter 26, Article XII, of the Code of the City Relating to Utility Connection Fees and Miscellaneous Charges.
- B. First Reading of Ordinance No. 152, 2003, Amending Chapter 26, Article III, Division 4 of the Code of the City Relating to User Fees and Charges for Water.
- C. First Reading of Ordinance No. 153, 2003, Amending Chapter 26, Article IV, Division 4 of the Code of the City Relating to Wastewater Fees.
- D. First Reading of Ordinance No. 154, 2003, Amending Chapter 26, Article VI, Division 4 of the Code of the City Relating to Electric Rates and Charges.
- E. First Reading of Ordinance No. 155, 2003, Amending Chapter 26, Article VII, Division 2 of the Code of the City Relating to Stormwater Fees.

This item consists of five ordinances establishing the Utilities rates and various charges for 2004.

Overall, rates for utility services are proposed to increase as follows:

Water	No changes at this time.
Wastewater	5.0%
Electric	5.3%
Stormwater	10.0%

In total, a “typical” residential customer’s utility bill will increase \$5.38 per month.

Both the Electric Board and Water Board reviewed the average rate increases in conjunction with their consideration and recommendations to approve the Utilities’ 2004-2005 Budget.

The proposed ordinance relating to utility connection fees and miscellaneous charges creates uniform charges for all services related to establishing and servicing customer accounts. The connection and service fees replace miscellaneous utility fees scattered throughout Chapter 26 of the Code and codify others that had previously been set administratively.

Other than minor housekeeping changes, no significant changes in the rates for water service are proposed at this time. Alternative water rate options will be addressed by City Council at the December 9, 2003 study session. If water rate changes are supported, those changes would be implemented by Ordinance before the spring of 2004.

A 5% increase is proposed for wastewater and a 10% increase is proposed for stormwater. These increases will be “across the board” and do not vary by customer class.

The electric rates increases will vary by customer class (residential, commercial, industrial) and for individual customers within the class. Based on the cost of service, residential customers will experience larger increases than the commercial and industrial customers. Included in the overall 5.3% increase is a 2% increase for the initial implementation of City’s Energy Supply Policy for renewables and demand side management and energy conservation. 2.8% of the increase is a pass through of higher costs from the City’s wholesale energy supplier, Platte River Power Authority and the remaining 0.5% is to recover increase costs of the distribution system including a the costs related to a reduced load factor due mainly to summer air conditioning loads.

The proposed ordinance also establishes a new section of the Code related to development charges for new construction and customers who increase electric loads. These charges recover electric system costs related to new development including development review. The fees have been in existence since 1968 and are updated annually by the electric utility staff under the authorization of the “Electric Service Rules and Regulations” and the “Construction Policies Practices and Procedures” but the fee schedules have not been specifically included in the City Code in the past.

The proposed ordinances will be effective January 1, 2004 or for billings issued with meter readings made after January 1, 2004.

## BACKGROUND

### Connection Fees and Miscellaneous Charges

The Utilities Customer Service Division incurs the costs for initiating accounts, delinquencies, returned checks, and other miscellaneous customer services. In the past some of these fees have been included in the water and electric sections of the Code while others were set administratively. A new section of Code is proposed to consolidate the connection and miscellaneous utility billing charges in one place. The established fees in other Code sections are being deleted. The proposed fees are based on the cost to provide service and are billed to the specific customers who have received the service. The fees will be billed and collected on the monthly utility bills by the Customer Service Division, a part of the Utilities Customer Service and Administration Internal Service Fund. The fees collected will offset the four utilities payments for the Division's services.

The most frequently billed fee is the one-time service connection fee which applies to all new accounts. For those new accounts with at least one metered utility service (electric and/or water plus any unmetered services), the proposed charge is \$19.65. Without a metered service the cost is \$10.00. This compares to the current charge of \$15.65 for the initiation of a metered electric account. The new charge, which now includes all utilities, is based on an analysis of the field and office expenses incurred to establish a new account.

The proposed fee schedule follows:

<b>Proposed Utilities Connection Fees and Misc. Service Charges</b>	
Service connection fee for account with one or more metered services (including all non-metered services for the same account).	\$19.65
Customer initiated rate change (after 90 days of new service).	\$19.65
Service connection fee for account with only non-metered services (stormwater, wastewater, wind, flat commercial electric, sprinkler clocks, cable towers, and floodlights).	\$10.00
Service fee to reinstate an account to the owner / property manager between tenants.	\$10.00
Turn-off notice fee.	\$7.00
Reconnect fee per service for water or electric following disconnection for delinquency.	\$20.00
After hours reconnect – Water (after 5:00 pm, weekends, and holidays)	\$46.00
After hours reconnect – Electric (after 5:00 pm, weekends, and holidays)	\$55.45
Return item fee (check, electronic fund transfer, credit card, etc.)	\$ 15.00
Owner requested repair disconnect or reconnect fee, per trip.	\$ 20.00
Research / document fee per hour.	\$ 20.00
Other miscellaneous charges will be based on direct costs plus 15% for indirect costs.	

**Water**

The proposed Ordinance does not change the tiered and seasonal rates that were approved by City Council in November 2002. The Council will address options for the water rates at the December 9, 2003 Study Session. The ordinance does make a few housekeeping changes that are needed, including the elimination of the residential flat rates since all water customers are now metered. It also makes reference to the connection and services charges proposed for the Billing Procedure Section of the Code.

**Wastewater**

The Ordinance increases the City's wastewater rates by 5%. The increase is applied "across the board" for all customers. With the proposed rates, a typical single family residential customer's monthly bill will increase from \$16.61 to \$17.44 or 83 cents per month. This is based on a system average 5,456 gallons per month winter quarter water use. The wastewater rate ordinance also establishes a minimum winter quarter usage for single family residential customers of 3,000 gallons (4,000 for duplexes). The vast majority of the customers affected by the new minimum are snowbirds and other winter vacancies.

The wastewater rate increase is needed to fund the operations and maintenance of the City's wastewater system and to meet debt service coverage requirements. Wastewater revenues have lagged projections since the Wastewater rates are based on metered water consumption. For residential customers and some commercial customers, the water use billed during December, January and February determines their wastewater billings for the next year. The remaining commercial customers are billed for their metered water use each month. Since the community has strongly supported both the water restrictions and voluntary water conservation throughout the past year, the Utilities' wastewater revenues inadvertently declined as well. In addition, the Wastewater Fund experienced a reduction in per customer revenue as flat rate customers were converted to water meters.

**Electric**

Electric rates are proposed to increase an average of 5.3%. The rate adjustments to the individual rate classes and customers will vary from the 5.3% average based on cost of service. The increases are due to three factors. Platte River Power Authority, the City's wholesale energy supplier, has increased its rates 3.9% effective January 1, 2004. This wholesale increase equates to a 2.8% increase to Fort Collins customers. The second factor in the 5.3% overall rate adjustment is a 2% increase to begin to implement the Energy Supply Policy adopted by Council Resolution 2003-038. Approximately 1% is being targeted for renewables to achieve the goal of 2% of the City's power supply delivered from renewable energy sources by the end of 2004. The additional 1% will be earmarked for the implementation of conservation and demand side management programs to reduce per capita energy consumption and peak demand. The remaining 0.5% is to recover increased costs of operations and maintenance and the reduction in system wide load factor. The reduction in load factor is likely related to increased use of air conditioning within the residential sector.

The proposed rate increases by customer class are as follows. Individual customers within these rate classes will vary from the class average. This is particularly true in the GS750 (industrial/large commercial) rate class. While the class average is 3%, the 15 customers in this class will have increases of between 12.8% and 2.2%. This shift is a result of a rate design change to smooth the rate transition between the GS50 and GS750 rate classes. With the proposed rates, a typical single

family residential customer's monthly bill will increase 7.5% from \$43.34 to \$46.58 or \$3.24 cents per month. This is based on a system average 700kWh per month.

**Proposed Electric Increases by Customer Rate Class**

Residential Energy Service	7.5%
Residential Demand Service	10.0%
General Service (Small Commercial)	4.2%
General Service 50 (Medium Commercial)	3.3%
General Service 750 (Large Commercial & Industrial)	3.0%
Floodlighting	10.0%
Traffic Signals	1.0%

The Ordinance also removes the services charges detailed in each electric rate schedule. These charges are being replaced by the connection and services charges proposed for the Utility Bill and Account Charges Authorized; Procedures - Section 26-712. The rate schedules reference the fees in the new Code section.

Further, this Ordinance adopts new sections of Code dealing with the electric development charges for new construction and existing customers who increase electric loads. The fees recover the costs of both on-site and off-site facilities required to provide electric service to the new development. These fees have been collected since 1968 under the authorization of the Utilities' "Electric Service Rules and Regulations" and "Construction Policies Practices and Procedures", which was most recently revised by Council Ordinance 083, 2002. The charges will continue to be updated annually based on current labor and materials costs.

Development fees and/or charges apply to all construction, new development, redevelopment or remodeling of structures served by the City electric system. Development fees include development review, actual on-site costs incurred by the Utility to provide electric services and an allocated portion of the cost of the electric distribution system that has been or will be added to serve new loads. Fees are based on capacity requirements as determined by the Utility, and lot size and lineal feet of dedicated roadway as determined by an approved plat.

Fifty percent (50%) of calculated fees are payable prior to scheduling installation of electric facilities, and the remaining fees are payable prior to energizing the electric system. Building site charges related to the installation of secondary electric services from the property line to the service panel are collected on residential development at the time a building permit is issued.

The fees are proposed as follows:

### Residential Electric Development Fees

$$\text{Residential Development Fees} = \text{Electric Capacity Fee (ECF)} + \text{Building Site Charges (BSC)}$$

#### A. Residential Electric Capacity Fee (ECF):

The ECF recovers the allocated cost of the electric distribution system from the lot corner of the development to the electric substation. The cost of street lighting is also included.

$$\text{ECF} = \text{Site Footage Fees} + \text{Dwelling Unit Fees} + \text{System Modifications}$$

- 1) Site Footage (Single/Multifamily)
  - \$0.03395 per square foot of developed area
  - \$7.24 per foot of dedicated roadway
- 2) Single Family Panel Size
  - 150 amp service (non-electric heat) \$891 per dwelling unit
  - 200 amp service (non-electric heat or electric heat) \$1,572 per dwelling unit

Multifamily Panel Size

  - 150 amp service (non-electric heat) \$625 per dwelling unit
  - 200 amp service (non-electric heat or electric heat) \$1,049 per dwelling unit
- 3) System Modifications:
 

Additional capacity charges or credits will result from any required system modification differing from that of the base electrical system model. Estimated charges will be provided prior to construction.

The total electric capacity fee for a “typical” single family dwelling unit is \$2,216 for a 150 amp service and \$3,040 for a 200 amp service. The total electric capacity fee for a “typical” multifamily unit is \$1,004 for 150 amps and \$1,441 for 200 amps.

#### B. Residential Building Site Charges (BSC):

Building site charges provide for electric service from the property line to the service panel. Unit costs for all building site charges including labor, equipment and materials are recalculated on an annual basis. Additional charges apply for conditions such as frozen or rocky soil, concrete cutting, asphalt replacement, and other site conditions that increase the cost of installation.

Included as part of the building site charges is the secondary electric service charge which recovers the cost of the electric service between the customers meter and the Utilities' transformer. Secondary service charges are as follows:

**Single-Family and Multi-Family Residential Secondary Service Charges**

Secondary Service Size	Charge (up to 65 feet)	Charge (over 65 feet)
1/0 service	\$413.00	\$3.44 / Foot
4/0 service	\$556.00	\$4.02 / Foot
350 kCM Service	\$606.00	\$4.08 / Foot
1/0 Mobile Home Service	\$310.00	N/A
4/0 Mobile Home Service	\$435.00	N/A

**Commercial/Industrial Electric Development Fees**

A. Commercial/ Industrial Electric Capacity Fee (ECF):

The ECF recovers the allocated cost of the electric distribution system from the lot corner of the development to the electric substation. The cost of street lighting is also included.

$\text{ECF} = \text{Site Footage Fee} + \text{Service Entrance Capacity Fee} + \text{System Modifications}$
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- 1) Site Footage:  
 \$0.03395 per square foot of developed area  
 \$26.27 per foot of dedicated roadway

- 2) Service Entrance Capacity:  
 a) Single-Phase  
 \$624.90 per 100 amps @ 208 volts  
 \$721.04 per 100 amps @ 240 volts

- b) Three-Phase  
 \$1,082.33 per 100 amps @ 208 volts  
 \$1,248.84 per 100 amps @ 240 volts  
 \$2,497.69 per 100 amps @ 480 volts

3) System Modifications:

Additional capacity charges or credits will result from any required system modification differing from that of the base electrical system model. Estimated charges will be provided prior to construction.

B. Commercial/ Industrial Building Site Charges (BSC):

Building site charges provide for electric service from the corner of the property to the transformer. Secondary service is provided by the customer.

Single-phase

\$6.32 per foot of primary circuit

\$1,049.62 per transformer

Three-phase

\$10.91 per foot of primary circuit

\$1,789.32 per transformer

Additional charges may apply for conditions such as frozen or rocky soil, concrete cutting, asphalt replacement, and other site conditions that increase the cost of installation. These development charges do not apply to individual services above 5,000 kilowatts for which the fees shall be determined on a case-by-case basis to recover direct and indirect costs.

**Stormwater**

If adopted by City Council, the City's stormwater rates will increase 10% "across the board" for all customers. The 10% increase is consistent with the 2001 Stormwater Financing Plan adopted by City Council Resolution 2001-93. The increase is necessary to fund the operations and maintenance of the City's stormwater system, to pay debt service and to continue the acceleration of the citywide capital improvements program. A typical single family residential customer's monthly bill will increase from \$12.96 to \$14.26 or \$1.30 per month. The typical bill is based on an 8600 square foot lot with light run off. The proposed increase is to be effective on billings issued on or after January 1, 2004.

**Impact on Typical Residential Customer**

The following table summarizes the impact of the proposed electric, wastewater and stormwater rate adjustments on a typical single family residential customer's monthly utility bill. In total, this "typical" customer's utility bill will increase \$5.38 per month. Any changes to the 2004 water rates will be determined at a later date.



**Typical Residential Customer – Monthly Utility Bill**

	<b>Current 2003</b>	<b>Proposed 2004</b>	<b>\$ Increase</b>	<b>% Increase</b>
<b>Electric</b>	\$ 43.34	\$ 46.58	\$ 3.24	7.5%
700 kWh per month				
<b>Wastewater</b>	\$ 16.61	\$ 17.45	\$ 0.84	5.0%
5,456 gallons/month				
winter quarter use				
<b>Stormwater</b>	\$ 12.96	\$ 14.26	\$ 1.30	10.0%
8,600 sq ft lot, light runoff				
<b>Water</b>				
January 5,000 gallons	\$ 21.62	\$ 21.62	No changes at this time.	
July 21,000 gallons	\$ 63.77	\$ 63.77	No changes at this time.	
<b>Total Monthly Utility Bill</b>				
Jan Water Use	\$ 94.53	\$ 99.91	\$ 5.38	5.7%
July Water Use	\$ 136.68	\$ 142.06	\$ 5.38	3.9%
<b>Total Annual Utility Bill*</b>	\$ 1,274.40	\$ 1,338.96	\$ 64.56	5.1%

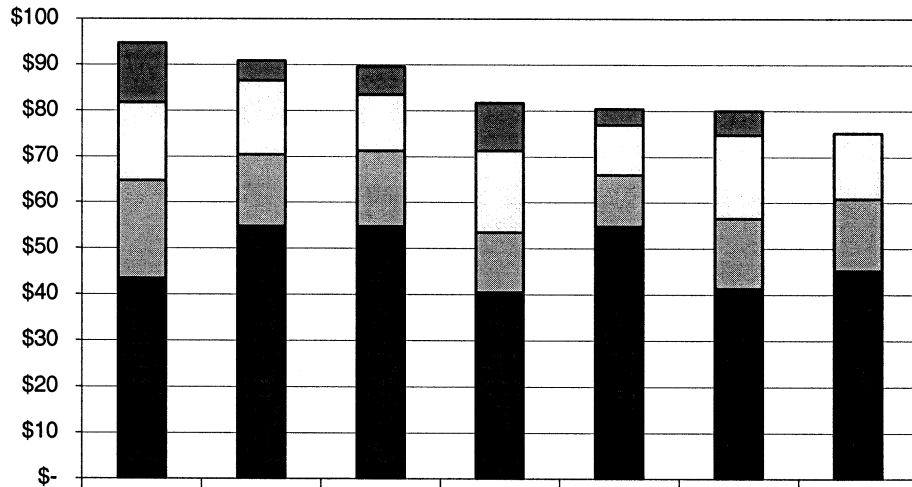
\*Annual water use 50th percentile or 117,131 gallons

**Front Range Rate Comparison – Typical Residential Customer**

The following graphs show rate comparisons for several front range cities. The data is based on rates in effect September 1, 2003 for the following residential use:

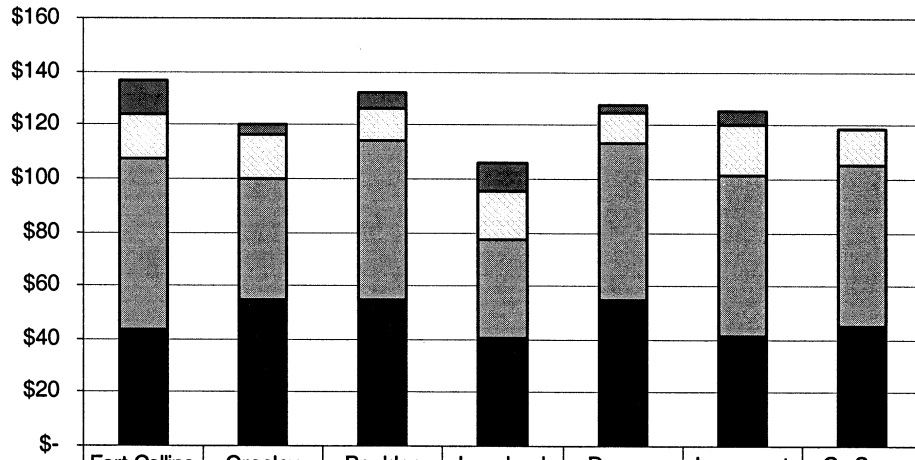
Electric	700 kWh/month
Wastewater	5,600 gallons winter quarter water use
Stormwater	8,600 square foot lot, light run off
Water – January	5,000 gallons
Water – July	21,000 gallons

### Residential Utilities Rate Comparison January Water Use



	Fort Collins	Greeley	Boulder	Loveland	Denver	Longmont	Co.Sprs
Stormwater	\$12.96	\$4.30	\$6.05	\$10.39	\$3.46	\$5.03	\$-
Wastewater	\$16.86	\$16.24	\$12.34	\$17.86	\$10.92	\$18.51	\$14.15
Water	\$21.62	\$15.40	\$16.37	\$12.93	\$10.99	\$14.95	\$15.46
Electric	\$43.34	\$54.95	\$54.95	\$40.64	\$54.95	\$41.44	\$45.42

### Residential Utilities Rate Comparison July Water Use



	Fort Collins	Greeley	Boulder	Loveland	Denver	Longmont	Co.Sprs
Stormwater	\$12.96	\$4.30	\$6.05	\$10.39	\$3.46	\$5.03	\$-
Wastewater	\$16.86	\$16.24	\$12.34	\$17.86	\$10.92	\$18.51	\$14.15
Water	\$63.77	\$45.00	\$58.94	\$36.93	\$58.47	\$60.11	\$59.47
Electric	\$43.34	\$54.95	\$54.95	\$40.64	\$54.95	\$41.44	\$45.42

ORDINANCE NO. 151, 2003  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE XII  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RELATING TO UTILITY CONNECTION FEES AND MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, to by ordinance 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 such utility, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, with respect to each of the four City utilities, water, wastewater, electric and stormwater, the City Code requires the City Manager to analyze the operating and financial records of said utilities during each calendar year and recommend to the City Council the rates, fees and charges to be in effect for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended to the City Council that the following billing and account related utility fees and charges be put into effect for the billing year beginning January 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended to the City Council that these fees and charges be set out in Article XII of Chapter 26.

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

Section 1. That the title of Article XII of Chapter 26 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby changed from "Billing Procedure" to "Utility Accounts, Billing and Collections".

Section 2. That title of Section 26-712 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-712. Utility bill and account charges authorized; procedures.**

Section 3. That Section 26-712 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended by the addition of a new subparagraph (b) to read as follows, with the existing subparagraphs (b) and (c) to be relettered as (c) and (d) respectively:

(b) The following account and miscellaneous fees and charges shall apply to all city utility customers receiving service pursuant to the terms of Chapter 26, whether within or outside of the corporate limits of the city, except as otherwise expressly stated:

Service connection fee for account with one or more metered services (including all non-metered services for the same account).	\$19.65
Customer initiated rate change (after 90 days of new service).	\$19.65
Service connection fee for account with only non-metered services (stormwater, wastewater, wind, flat commercial electric, sprinkler clocks, cable towers, and floodlights).	\$10.00
Service fee to reinstate an account to the owner / property manager between tenants.	\$10.00
Turn-off notice fee.	\$ 7.00
Reconnect fee per service for water or electric following disconnection for delinquency.	\$20.00
After hours reconnect - Water (after 5:00 pm weekdays or weekend/holiday)	\$46.00
After hours reconnect - Electric (after 5:00 pm weekdays or weekend/holiday)	\$55.45
Return item fee (check, electronic fund transfer, credit card, etc.)	\$15.00
Owner requested repair disconnect fee, per trip.	\$20.00
Research / document fee per hour.	\$20.00
Other miscellaneous charges will be based on direct cost plus 15% indirect costs.	

Section 4. That the amendments to Chapter 26 of the City Code contained herein shall go into effect on January 1, 2004.

Introduced, considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 4th day of November, A.D. 2003, and to be presented for final passage on the 18th day of November, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 18th day of November, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 152, 2003  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III, DIVISION 4  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RELATING TO USER RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, to by ordinance 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 26-118 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, requires that the City Manager analyze the operating and financial records of the water utility during each calendar year and recommend to the City Council the user rate fees to be in effect for the following year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council will be addressing potential changes to the water rate at a December 9, 2003, study session after which the City Manager may recommend to the City Council that the water fees and charges be adjusted prior to the Spring of 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended that the Council adopt the minor housekeeping adjustments set forth herein beginning January 1, 2004, regardless of what future adjustments may be recommended.

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

Section 1. That Section 26-118(b) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-118. Determination of user rates.**

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(b) The rate categories for water users and the basis for determination of monthly charges for each category are as follows:

~~(1) *Unmetered water use.* A flat rate shall be charged on a monthly basis for the residential use of city water when the use is not metered. The rate to be charged each flat rate user may have two (2) components, a charge based on the number of dwelling units and a charge based on the area of the lot being served. The amount billed is the sum of the two (2) components subject to a minimum monthly charge per dwelling unit.~~

~~(2) *Metered water use.* Charges for metered water service consist of a monthly~~

service charge, which varies with the number of dwelling units for residential customers and the size of the meter for nonresidential customers, and a quantity charge per thousand gallons of water use. For those customers served by more than one (1) meter, the appropriate service charge shall be applied to each meter. Monthly service charges shall be billed to each meter in use regardless of whether any quantity charge is made.

(32) *Users outside the city limits.* The monthly rate for water taken through a meter by a user outside of the city limits shall be as set forth in § 26-127(d).

(43) *Construction rate.* As a condition of issuance of a water service connection permit for premises under construction, the permittee shall pay a one-time flat fee for water used during a the construction period of three (3) months and for costs incurred to make the water system ready for use.

Section 2. That Section 26-124(a)(3) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-124. Water from fire hydrants.**

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(3) A charge for the cost of the water used, calculated by multiplying the applicable water rate by the number of metered thousand gallons, ~~less the number of thousand gallons paid for under the minimum monthly charge.~~

Section 3. That Section 26-126 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-126. Schedule A, flat rates for unmetered construction water use.**

~~(a) *Residential Rate.* When the use of city water is not metered, the monthly rate to be charged for each flat rate water service shall be the sum of the total charge for the dwelling units (A) plus the lot charge (B):~~

~~A = For a building containing only one (1) dwelling unit: Twenty-six dollars and thirty-three cents (\$26.33); for a building containing only two (2) dwelling units: Thirty-seven dollars and twenty-seven cents (\$37.27).~~

~~B = For each lot: Add to the dwelling unit charge sixteen and six-tenths cents (\$0.166) per one hundred (100) square feet of lot area if the building includes one (1) dwelling unit. If the building includes two (2) dwelling units, add to the dwelling unit charge fourteen and seven-tenths cents (\$0.147) per one hundred (100) square feet of lot area.~~

~~(b) Construction Rate.~~—For residential and non-residential premises under construction, there shall be a one (1) time charge equal to one and one-half (1-½) times the monthly base charge as specified for the applicable residential or nonresidential account in § 26-127.

Section 4. That Section 26-129(a) and (c) of the Code of the City of Fort Collins are hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-129. Schedule D, miscellaneous fees and charges.**

(a) ~~Service charges shall be as follows:~~ **Connection fees and service charges shall be as set forth in § 26-712(b).**

(1) ~~For processing a request for water service during normal business hours~~ ————— \$20.00

(2) ~~All after-hour service calls~~ ————— 46.00

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(c) The fees and requirements for raw water shall be as follows:

(1) To satisfy raw water requirements with in-lieu cash payments, the rate per acre-foot of RWR is sixty-five hundred dollars (\$6,500.).

(2) The surcharge for water used in excess of applicable annual allotment shall be three dollars and six cents (\$3.06) per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

(3) The annual water allotment without surcharge, based on the minimum RWR shall be as follows:

<i>Meter Size (inches)</i>	<i>Annual Allotment (gallons/year)</i>
¾	293,270
1	977,550
1-1/2	<del>3,128,170</del> 1,955,110
2	3,128,170
3	4,692,250
Above 3	<del>325,852</del> 325,851 gallons per acre-foot RWR

Section 5. That the amendments to Chapter 26 of the City Code contained herein shall go into effect on January 1, 2004 and will be effective on all utility bills where the meter reading is made on or after January 1, 2004.



Introduced and considered favorably on first reading, and ordered published this 4th day of November, A.D. 2003, and to be presented for final passage on the 18th day of November, A.D. 2003.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Passed and adopted on final reading this 18th day of November, A.D. 2003.

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City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 153, 2003  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE IV, DIVISION 4  
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FORT COLLINS  
RELATING TO FEES AND CHARGES FOR WASTEWATER

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered and directed by Article XII, Section 6, of the Charter of the City of Fort Collins, Colorado, to by ordinance 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 wastewater utility, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-277 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins, requires that the City Manager analyze the operating and financial records of the water utility during each calendar year and recommend to the City Council the user rate fees or adjustments to be in effect for the following year; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-277 further requires that the user rates shall be revised as necessary to assure equity of the rate system established and to assure that sufficient funds are obtained to adequately operate and maintain the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has recommended to the City Council that the following wastewater use rates be imposed for the billing year beginning January 1, 2004.

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

Section 1. That Section 26-280 of the Code of the City of Fort Collins is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 26-280. Service charges established by category.**

The schedule of rates for each category described in § 26-279 shall be as follows:

<i>Category</i>	<i>Class of customer</i>	<i>Rate</i>
A	Single-family residential user (flat rate)	<del>\$17.01</del> \$17.86 per month
	Single-family residential user (metered water use)	<del>\$7.51</del> \$7.89 per month plus <del>\$1.496</del> \$1.571 per 1,000 gallons of either winter quarter water use or 3,000 gallons whichever is greater

B	Duplex (two-family) residential users (flat rate)	<del>-\$26.97</del> \$28.32 per month
	Duplex (two-family) residential users (metered water use)	<del>-\$10.01</del> \$10.51 per month plus <del>-\$1.496</del> \$1.571 per 1,000 gallons of either winter quarter water use or 4,000 gallons whichever is greater
C	Multi-family residential user (more than two dwelling units including mobile home parks) and winter quarter based nonresidential user	<del>-\$1.496</del> \$1.571 per 1,000 gallons of winter quarter water use, plus a base charge of <del>\$1.18</del> \$1.24 per month per dwelling unit served

D Minor nonresidential user  
The greater of ~~\$1.496~~ \$1.571 per 1,000 gallons of water use, measured sewage flow or winter quarter water use, whichever is applicable, plus the following applicable base charge:

<i>Size of water meter (inches)</i>	<i>Base charge</i>
¾ or smaller	<del>\$5.05</del> \$5.30
1	<del>11.53</del> 12.11
1½	<del>23.36</del> 24.53
2	<del>39.10</del> 41.06
3	<del>64.98</del> 68.23
4	<del>109.11</del> 114.57
6	<del>535.00</del> 561.75
8	<del>580.94</del> 609.99

