

ORDINANCE NO. 42

AN ORDINANCE GOVERNING WATER CUSTOMERS, WATER RATES, WATER METERS, WATER BILLS, WATER CONNECTIONS, INSPECTIONS, SERVICE CHARGES, PAYMENT OF BILLS, READING OF METERS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Be it ordained by the Common Council of the City of Palmer;

1. No person shall make or maintain any cross-connections between the City Water supply system and private water supply.
2. Water users shall install meters at their own expense, the meter to be furnished by the City and to remain City Property. All meter installations shall be inspected by the City and such installation must be approved before water will be furnished therefrom. A fee of \$2.00 shall be charged for all subsequent meter inspections after the initial inspection.
3. One half the cost of new service connections from the main to the property line shall be charged to the water user.
4. Water service rates shall be established by the City Council and promulgated over the signature of the City Clerk. The City Clerk is hereby empowered to discontinue water service for non-payment of any water bill or of any service charge, connection fees and the like.
5. Water users other than Commercial users shall read their own meters on the 20th day of each month and the account shall be due on the first day of the following month. Water users who pay their bills on or before the 1st day of the month shall be granted a discount of 10% for prompt payment.
6. The City Clerk shall provide water users with approved forms for the recording of their monthly meter readings and which shall be returned to the City upon the payment of the bill.
7. Apartment houses which do not have meters shall be charged the regular rate for un-metered water users for each unit occupied in such apartment houses.
8. A connection fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for each tie-in to City Water Mains.
9. If a water bill is not paid on or before the 20th day after the same is due, the City Clerk is hereby empowered to order such water user's service discontinued.
10. In case of multiple hook-ups to a unit of property owned or held by a single owner or lessee, such owner or lessee shall be responsible for the water bills of the users on each hook-up unless shut-offs are installed to the individuals units.
11. Water rates to water users outside the city limits shall be the same as those to people living within the city. The meters of commercial users of water shall be read each month by the City and the self-reading system will not be used for commercial establishments.
12. Schools, churches, clubs, lodges, and the like, shall be charged the regular rate for water, the same as for any other water user. The water committee shall have authority to make adjustments and minor changes in rates and service charges in order to avoid inequities between water users.
13. The manager of the City Water Department shall recommend the proper methods and types of installation of water lines to water users and he may in his discretion refuse to make a water connection to a water user if such installation does not meet his approval, subject to the right of the water user to appeal to the water committee.
14. When a water users water has been shut off for non-payment of his bill he shall pay all back bills before water service shall be resumed.
15. No person shall refuse to admit, after notice and at reasonable hours, to premises owned or occupied by him or hinder and authorized agent of the City entering such premises for the purpose of inspecting any piping in connection with the water distribution system or for inspecting or checking the water meter thereon.

An emergency is hereby declared to exist: and the usual rules of procedure are suspended, and this ordinance shall be read in full, and again by its title and placed upon its final passage by the approval of the City Council.

PASSED: January 5, 1954

APPROVED

James McKeon
 /s/ James McKeon
 Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Elizabeth Barry
 City Clerk