

Chapter 700

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 700.010. Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System. [R.O. 2011 §700.010; CC 1979 §28.010]

- A. *Systems Combined.* It is hereby found, determined and declared to be necessary for the public health, safety, welfare and benefit of the City of Puxico, Missouri, and its inhabitants that the waterworks of said City and the sewerage system of said City, and all future improvements and extensions thereto, be combined and that they shall thenceforth be operated and maintained as a combined waterworks and sewerage system.
- B. Thenceforth, the existing waterworks of the City of Puxico, Missouri, and the sewerage system of said City, and all future improvements and extensions thereto, whether to the waterworks or to the sewerage system or to both, shall be and the same are combined and it is hereby declared that said waterworks and said sewerage system, and all future improvements and extensions thereto as aforesaid, thenceforth be operated and maintained as a combined waterworks and sewerage system.

Section 700.020. Water and Sewer Rates — Billing. [R.O. 2011 §§700.020, 715.040, 715.050; Ord. No. 2002-2, 2-1-2002; Ord. No. 2002-005 §3, 8-22-2002; Ord. No. 700 Arts. IV — V, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Arts. IV — V, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. 03-001 §§1 — 2, 4-17-2003; Ord. No. 715.040, 12-15-2005; Ord. No. 700.020, 7-19-2007; Ord. No. 700.020B, 6-30-2009; Ord. No. 700.020C, 6-30-2009; Ord. No. 700.020C, 7-21-2011; Ord. No. 715.040(C), 7-21-2011]

- A. *Deposit.* For water connection the City shall be paid a deposit of eighty dollars (\$80.00) as security for the payment of bills incurred for service by the depositor. When water is discontinued, seventy dollars (\$70.00) will be returned to the depositor only when all bills incurred by the depositor for service have been paid. This deposit is not transferable. The customer will forfeit his or her entire deposit if the balance owed is not paid in full by six (6) months. [Ord. No. 14-03, 4-17-2014]
- B. All users shall be billed monthly. Billings for each month shall be made within thirty (30) days after the end of that month. Payments are due when billings are made. Any payment not received within thirty (30) days after the billing is made shall be delinquent.
- C. *Water Rates.* The water rates shall be as follows:
 - 1. Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on their use of the water system as determined by water meter(s) acceptable to the City.
 - 2. All monthly user charges will be based on monthly water usage.
 - 3. The minimum charge per month shall be eight dollars seventy-seven cents (\$8.77). In

addition each user shall pay a user unit charge for operation and maintenance, including replacement, of three dollars eleven cents (\$3.11) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used or any part of one thousand (1,000) gallons as determined in preceding Subparagraphs (1-2) of this Subsection. [Ord. No. 15-05, 3-19-2015]

4. The minimum charge per month for users outside the City limits shall be eighteen dollars (\$18.00). In addition, each user shall pay a user unit charge for operation and maintenance including replacement of three dollars eighty-one cents (\$3.81) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water as determined in the preceding Subparagraphs(1-2) of this Subsection. [Ord. No. 15-05, 3-19-2015]
5. The bulk water rate charged to citizens who purchase water directly from the well will be fifty cents (\$.50) on the hundred (100) gallons purchased.

D. *Sewer Rates.* The sewer rates shall be as follows:

D. There shall be a three dollar eighty cent (\$3.80) flat rate plus one dollar twenty cents (\$1.20) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used.

E. *Due Date — Penalty.* Bills shall be paid on or before the tenth (10th) of the following month. The delinquent penalty shall be ten percent (10%) of the total bill.

F. Taxes on said utilities shall be as set out in Section 130.110 of this Code.

G. Commercial properties are charged Missouri sales tax on water charges only.

Section 700.030. Delinquent Bills, Service Disconnected — When; Tenants and Landlords Jointly and Severally Liable. [R.O. 2011 §§705.030; 715.050; CC 1979 §28.220; Ord. No. 700 Art. V, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Art. V, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. 13-09, 9-19-2013]

- A. If any customer receiving water from the municipal water system of the City of Puxico or if the water is consumed upon any property within the City of Puxico, Missouri, by the owner or by the tenant, or if any customer receiving sewage service from the sewer system of the City of Puxico, Missouri, or if any customer within the City of Puxico, Missouri, receiving solid waste (trash) collection services within the City of Puxico, Missouri, shall fail to pay his/her/its bill for a period of thirty (30) days after the date of the rendition thereof, such customer, tenant, or occupant of the property for which such services are being furnished shall not be permitted or entitled to receive water or sewer services, or solid waste collection services from the City, and the water services and sewage services to such premises shall be disconnected and the solid waste shall not be collected from such premises, and the water or sewer services, or solid waste collection services shall not be reinstated until all past due bills for both water services or sewage services, and/or solid waste collection services are paid in full, together with the late penalties and the reconnection charge for water services of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) or reconnection of sewage services (if the same has been disconnected).
- B. It shall be the duty of the City Collector, City Clerk, and Maintenance Supervisor or other representative of the City charged with the responsibility of receiving payment for the water and sewer services, or solid waste collection services, to notify the superintendant of the City's water distribution system and/or sewer system, and the contractor who is

collecting the solid waste of any overdue or delinquency in the payment of the bill, and said superintendent shall proceed immediately to disconnect the water services and/or sewer services to the premises so in arrears. In the event the tenant or the occupant vacates the premises to which said services are being furnished, there shall be no reconnection of the water services and/or sewer services and/or collection of the solid waste materials from said premises until all arrearages and penalties are paid in full. The record owner of such premises shall be jointly and severally liable with the person, persons, firm, corporation, or limited liability company, who were the occupant(s) or in whose name the services were issued.

- C. A late payment penalty of ten percent (10%) of the user charge bill will be added to each delinquent bill for each thirty (30) days of delinquency. When any bill is thirty (30) days in default, water service to such premises shall be discontinued until such bill is paid following due notice and opportunity for hearing. Reconnection fees shall be paid by the customer.