

Chapter 715

WATER USER CHARGE SYSTEM

Section 715.010. Purpose. [R.O. 2011 §715.010; Ord. No. 700 Art. I, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Art. I, 10-2-2002]

It is determined and declared to be necessary and conducive to the protection of the public health, safety, welfare and convenience of the City to collect charges from all users who use the City's water system. The proceeds of such charges so derived will be used for the purpose of operating, maintaining and retiring the debt for such public water system.

Section 715.020. Definitions. [R.O. 2011 §715.020; Ord. No. 700 Art. II, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Art. II, 10-2-2002]

Unless the context specifically indicates otherwise, the meaning of terms used in this Chapter shall be as follows:

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE — All expenditures during the useful life of the system for materials, labor, utilities and other items which are necessary for managing and maintaining the system to achieve the capacity and performance for which system was designed and constructed.

REPLACEMENT — Expenditures for obtaining and installing equipment, accessories or appurtenances which are necessary during the useful life of the system to maintain the capacity and performance for which such works were designed and constructed. The term "*operation and maintenance*" includes replacement.

RESIDENTIAL USER — Any user of the City's water system whose lot, parcel of real estate or building is used for domestic dwelling purposes only.

SHALL — Is mandatory; **MAY** — Is permissive.

USEFUL LIFE — The estimated period during which the treatment works will be operated.

USER CHARGE — That portion of the total water service charge which is levied in a proportional and adequate manner for the cost of operation, maintenance and replacement of the water system.

WATER METER — A water volume measuring and recording device furnished and/or installed by the City of Puxico or furnished and/or installed by a user and approved by the City of Puxico.

WATER SYSTEM — Any devices and systems for the storage, treatment, recycling, transmission and distribution of water. These include transmission and distribution lines, individual systems, pumping, power and other equipment and their appurtenances; extensions, improvements, remodeling, additions and alterations thereof; elements essential to provide a

reliable water supply such as standby treatment units and any works, including site acquisition of land, that will be part of the treatment process.

WINTER AVERAGE USE — Average of winter quarter (December, January, February).

Section 715.030. User Charge. [R.O. 2011 §715.030; Ord. No. 700 Art. III, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Art. III, 10-2-2002]

- A. The user charge system shall generate adequate annual revenues to pay the costs of annual operation and maintenance including replacement and cost associated with debt retirement of bonded capital associated with financing the water system which the City may by ordinance designate to be paid by the user charge system. That portion of the total user charge which is designated by operation and maintenance including replacement of the water system shall be established by this Chapter.
- B. That portion of the total user charge collected which is designated for the operation and maintenance including replacement purposes as established in Section 700.020 shall be deposited in a separate non-lapsing fund known as the Operation, Maintenance and Replacement Fund and will be kept in two (2) primary accounts as follows:
 - 1. The Operation and Maintenance Account shall be an account designated for the specific purpose of defraying operation and maintenance costs (excluding replacement) of the water system. Deposits in the Operation and Maintenance Account shall be made monthly from the operation and maintenance revenue in the amount of ninety-three thousand dollars (\$93,000.00) annually.
 - 2. The Replacement Account shall be an account designated for the purpose of ensuring replacement needs over the useful life of the water system. Deposits in the Replacement Account shall be made monthly from the replacement revenue in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) annually.
- C. Fiscal year-end balances in the Operation and Maintenance Account and the Replacement Account shall be carried over to the same accounts in each subsequent fiscal year and shall be used for no other purposes than those designated for these accounts. Monies which have been transferred from other sources to meet temporary shortages in the Operation, Maintenance and Replacement Fund shall be returned to their respective accounts upon appropriate adjustment of the user charge rates for operation, maintenance and replacement. The user charge rates shall be adjusted such that the transferred monies will be returned to their respective accounts within the fiscal year following the fiscal year in which the monies were borrowed.

Section 715.040. City to Review Annually. [R.O. 2011 §715.060; Ord. No. 700 Art. VI, 10-2-2002; Ord. No. B02-016 Art. VI, 10-2-2002]

- A. The City shall review the user charge system annually and revise user charge rates as necessary to ensure that the system generates adequate revenues to pay the costs of operation and maintenance including replacement and that the system continues to provide for the proportional distribution of operation and maintenance including replacement costs among users and user classes.

- B. The City will notify each user at least annually, in conjunction with a regular bill, of the rate being charged for operation and maintenance including replacement of the treatment works.