

**ORDINANCE NO. 641  
2023**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER VI, MUNICIPAL WATER, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BUHLER, KANSAS, 1987 AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 580.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF BUHLER, KANSAS:

1. That Section VI-1 of Chapter VI of the Code of the City of Buhler, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

U. UTILITY SERVICE FEE

That any business, party, or individual that requests water service from the City, who has not previously been served by City services within the last 3 years, shall pay a onetime, nonrefundable Utility Service Fee of \$35.00.

2. That Section VI-2 of Chapter VI of the Code of the City of Buhler, Kansas, shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION VI-2. RATES, FEES, AND CHARGES FOR THE USE OF MUNICIPAL WATER.

A. CHARGES.

(a) Base Rates/Per Billing Period (Monthly)

1" or less METER ---	\$27.00
>1" METER---	\$32.00
Out of City Limits---	\$35.00

(b) Usage Rates/Monthly Meter Reads

0-3,000 gal. = BASE	
3,100-10,000 per 1000 gal.	\$ 2.00
10,100-25,000 per 1000 gal.	\$ 2.50
25,100-50,000 per 1000 gal.	\$ 4.00
50,100 & above per 1000 gal.	\$ 5.00

Base + Usage Calculation = Water Charge

The rates, fees, and charges for the use of municipal water shall be effective as of May 19, 2023, and therefore after.

That Section VI-3 shall be amended to read as follows:

SECTION VI-3. INSTALLATION, CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION RATES, NUMBER AND SIZE OF RESIDENTIAL HOOKUPS FOR WATER METERS.

A. FAIR AND REASONABLE.

The following installation rates represent a minimum charge for installation of water service from the City water main to the water meter. The rates are fair and reasonable and, in most instances, bear a substantial relationship to the total costs involved in providing water service to a resident or customer. The rates for installation are based on a maximum distance from the service meter to the City of Buhler water main of 60 feet. In the event costs for labor, materials, and services exceed the published minimum charges, the additional actual costs will be assessed to the resident or customer. The installation of piping from the outlet side of the water meter to the connected structure is not included in these published costs, and is, therefore, the responsibility of the resident or customer.

B. INSTALLATION.

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| (a) 1 inch or less meter inside the corporate limits of Buhler | \$850.00                                 |
| (b) any meter larger than 1 inch                               | Cost of meter plus installation expenses |

C. CONNECTION AND DISCONNECTION.

1. That whenever city water service is connected or disconnected to any premises or other building, the City Clerk shall assess and collect a charge of \$20.00 for each connection or disconnection.

D. NUMBER AND SIZE OF RESIDENTIAL HOOKUPS.

1. There shall be only one meter for residential use and only one meter for irrigational use per zoned lot. The maximum meter size for residential use is one inch.
2. New water taps shall be provided to annexed property only.

That Section VI-4 shall be amended to read as follows:

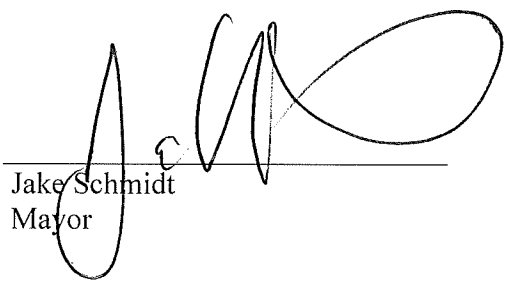
E. TIME AND CHARGE.

If the payment of the account is not made in full, or a request for hearing is not received by the City Clerk, within a 10 day period, or after a hearing if the account has not been paid in full within one business day, the water service shall be terminated and cut off by the City. There shall be a termination charge of \$50.00, along with the payment of all delinquent water bills and penalties, to be paid by the customer in advance of water service being restored by the City.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

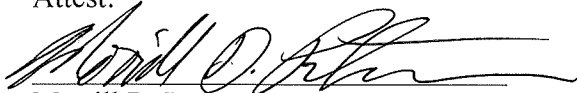
That Ordinance No. 580 shall be and is hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE GOVERNING BODY THIS 25th DAY OF APRIL, 2023.



Jake Schmidt  
Mayor

Attest:



Merrill D. Peterson, CMC  
City Clerk