

ORDINANCE NO. 532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND AMENDING SECTION 11-424 OF THE FRIEND MUNICIPAL CODE AS TO WATER RATES, MINIMUM CHARGES, METERS, WHEN READ; TO ADD ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS RELATED TO A MONTHLY SERVICE CONNECTION FEE, TO AMEND THE WATER RATE CHARGES, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND TO ALLOW FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Section 11-424 of the Municipal Code of the City of Friend, Nebraska, shall be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

The following is established as a tariff of water rates to resident consumers from the water works system of the City of Friend, Nebraska, based on monthly consumption:

In no case shall the minimum charge for each water service based on the following rates per month for consumption by each individual consumer, be less than \$7 per month. This minimum charge shall hereinafter be referred to as the basic water service connection fee. In addition, a rate of \$1.40 per 1,000 gallons of water or any fraction thereof consumed per month shall be charged for all water used.

Where more than one consumer uses water through the same meter, the basic water service connection fee shall be charged for each customer, and they shall be charged for all water furnished at the regular rate of consumption.

METER READINGS; BILLING; DELINQUENCIES; TERMINATION OF SERVICE

All meters of consumers shall be read by the Water Commissioner or his assistant, on or about the fifteenth day of each month, during which water service is used. The Water Commissioner, or his duly authorized agents, who are charged with the duty of reading water meters, shall, as said water meters are read, deliver meter readings to the Bookkeeper of the Water Department and said Bookkeeper shall make statements for the same. All bills for water service shall be due on the first day of the succeeding month, as aforesaid, and shall be payable at the City Hall or at such other place in the business district of said city, as the Mayor and City Council shall direct by resolution. If said bills are not paid within ten (10) days after the same is due, it shall be considered delinquent and the water service of the consumer may be shut off after seven (7) working days, after notice is issued and shall not be turned on again until said bill and other charges, if any, due the City be paid, together with a fee of Twenty-five dollars (\$25) for resumption of service. Statements for water bills may be mailed, when ordered by the Mayor and Council, on or about the first day of each month. The Water Commissioner may, whenever he deems it advisable or necessary, declare any water bill due at any time and proceed to collect the same; and in his discretion he may require charges for water service to be paid in advance. When directed by the Water Commissioner or Water Department Cashier, the Street Commissioner or day policeman shall collect water bills after the fifth day of the month succeeding that in which service is used.

SERVICE BEYOND CORPORATE LIMITS

The City of Friend, Saline County, Nebraska, by resolution of its Mayor and Council, shall have authority to contract with any person, persons, association or corporation, to sell water service beyond its corporate limits, when in the judgment of the Mayor and Council, it is beneficial for the city to do so. The City shall not incur any cost or expense beyond its commercial mains in providing the means of such service. Such service shall not be instituted or continued except to the extent that the facilities of the city for supplying water service are in excess of the requirements of the inhabitants of the city. For furnishing water service beyond its corporate limits subject to the above conditions, said city shall furnish water service, based on monthly consumption, to such person, persons, firm or corporation, at the rate of \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons or fractional part thereof used. All consumers of City water service shall, in addition to the above rate, pay a monthly water service connection fee in the amount of \$7 per month.

FLAT RATES PROHIBITED

No flat rates for water service will be quoted or allowed.

DISCRIMINATION

No water service shall be furnished to any consumer under any other rate than is provided by this section.

TEMPORARY USERS

Persons, firms or corporations desiring to use water temporarily, shall pay such rates as the Water Commissioner shall fix.

Section 2. It is hereby provided that this Ordinance shall take effect and new water rates and the monthly water service connection fee shall begin to apply from and after Sept 16, 1998. All ordinances in conflict with the terms of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.


Section 3. This Ordinance shall take effect as of the effective date herein, and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

DATED Sept 8, 1998.



CITY OF FRIEND, NEBRASKA

By:


JAMES VOSSLER, Mayor


PHYLLIS SVEHLA, City Clerk-Treasurer