

ORDINANCE #497

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FRIEND, SALINE COUNTY, NEBRASKA AMENDING CHAPTER 11, UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV, WATER WORKS, SECTION 11-424 AND 11-428, AS TO WATER RATES, MINIMUM CHARGES; METERS, WHEN READ; HOW BILL IS RENDERED; RENTS, WHEN DUE, WHEN DELINQUENT AND WHEN SERVICE IS SHUT OFF; FEE FOR RESUMPTION OF SERVICE; NON-RESIDENT CONSUMERS; TEMPORARY USERS; ESTABLISHING THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW RATES, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE TERMS HEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE FRIEND SENTINEL.

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

SECTION 11-424:

SECTION 1. The following is established as a tariff of water rates to resident consumers from the waterworks system of the City of Friend, Nebraska, based on monthly consumption:

MINIMUM CHARGES

In no case shall the minimum charge for water service based on the following rates per month for consumption by each individual consumer, be less than Six (\$6.00) Dollars per month for the first 3,000 gallons, or fraction thereof, and One Dollar, Thirty Cents (\$1.30) per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof over 3,000 gallons.

Where more than one consumer uses water through the same meter, the minimum rate heretofore established shall be charged for each consumer and they shall be charged for all water furnished to the number of minimum charges paid, at the above rates.

METER READINGS; BILLING; DELINQUENCIES; TERMINATION OF SERVICE

All meters of consumers shall be read by the Water Commissioner or his assistant, on 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 (\$25.00) Dollars 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 \$2.40 per 1,000 gallons or fractional part thereof used.

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 11-428:

WATER RENT, HOW COMPUTED, WHEN METER OUT OF REPAIR

When for any reason a water meter is not registering accurately the volume of water passing through it, the consumer shall be charged for the month or months in which the meter is inaccurate, a sum equal to the charge for the amount of water used on said premises during the corresponding period of the preceding year; PROVIDED, that if no basis for such comparison exists, or if in the opinion of the Water Commissioner such basis is unfair, the consumer shall pay such reasonable sum for water rent during such period as the Water Commissioner shall fix.


SECTION 2. It is hereby provided that this Ordinance shall take effect and new water rates shall begin to apply from and after December 15, 1992 and the first date for payment thereof shall be February 1, 1993, and repealing all ordinances in conflict with the terms hereof.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law in The Friend Sentinel, a legal newspaper in Friend, Saline County, Nebraska.

DATED: December 1, 1992.


MAYOR

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

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