AN OPDINANCE TO REGULATE THE RATES AND MANAGEMENT OF THE TOWN OF STAYTON WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

The Town of Stayton do ordain as follows:

Section 1. The council of the Town of Stayton, Oregon, shall each year, preferably at the first meeting in January, select not less than two of its members to act as and to be designated as the water board, who shall serve as such for the year in which selected, and until their respective successors are selected. The board shall at all times be under the jurisdiction and subject to the direction of the council, and the council may change the personnel thereof at any time.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the water board, hereafter designated as the board, to provide and maintain an accurate system of bookkeeping so as to plainly show all receipts, disbursements, assets and liabilities pertaining to the water fund and water system; to maintain a correct list of customers at all times, to provide for the prompt collection of all accounts; and to generally maintain and oversee the entire water distributing system. The board is authorized to hire such help as may be needed to carry out the duties required. The board shall make non-discriminatory rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this or other ordinances, to enable members to carry out their duties, and shall file a copy of all of the same with the recorder immediately after adoption. Except in case of emergency, the board shall authorize no expenditure in excess of \$50.00 without the prior approval of the council.

Section 3. For the construction of this ordinance, the following definitions shall prevail:

- (1) The term "Customer" shall mean an individual, firm, association or corporation using water furnished from the town water system.
- (2) The term "residence" where used with reference to rates, shall mean a private dwelling house.
- (3) The term "commercial" where used with reference to rates, shall mean any use of water by a customer in connection with carrying on any business or enterprise for profit.

Section 4. The board is authorized to install water meters for the purpose of measuring the quantity of water used by any customer, whenever and wherever it shall deem proper, and for that purpose may classify customers to fix the order of installation. Any customer may have a meter installed upon request, and in such event may not thereafter discontinue use of the same and return to a flat rate, without the consent of the council; provided, the board may limit the meters installed in any one month to a number not exceeding 2 per cent of the whole number of customers, and requested meters shall be installed in the order of request, with the customer paying for cost of meter and hookup plus labor.

Section 5. There shall be a flat charge of \$30.00 for any new hook up for water service of any type.

- Section 6. (1) The residence and commercial rate for water use to each customer shall be a monthly rate of \$2.50, plus an irrigation fee of 50¢ per month per residence user for each irrigation connection. The irrigation fee shall be charged for the months of May to October, both inclusive. Payment of a single irrigation fee of 50¢ per month entitles the customer to the use of one irrigation connection at a time. Payment of a double irrigation fee of \$1.00 per month entitles the customer to the use of two irrigation connections at the same time. The fee for additional irrigation connections shall be 50¢ per month per connection.
- (2) The term "irrigation" as used in this section shall mean use of water for general irrigation at each residence, not including irrigation of products raised in commercial quantities. The term "each irrigation connection" as herein used pertaining to irrigation rates, means a single nozzle, or other single sprinkler, or other single outlet defice of any kind, and the size thereof shall be limited to $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in diameter.
- (3) Meters shall be installed on all hook-ups over 3/4 inch, the customer paying for the meter and hookup at cost price to city, plus labor. The minimum water rate per month for various si_2 e meters shall be as follows:

3/4 inch - \$2.50 per month
1 inch - - 3.00 per month
1½ inch - - 3.75 per month
2 inch - - 6.00 per month
3 inch - - 10.00 per month
4 inch - - 17.50 per month

(h) This charge allows the customer to 15,000 gallons of water per month. A charge of 5¢ per 1000 gallons of water in excess of the 15,000 gallons will be made.

Section 7. All accounts for water use shall be payable at a place to be fixed by the board, and shall be due and payable on the first day of each month for the previous month's use.

Section 8. The board with approval of the Common Council, may add a standby water protection charge for a fire hazard based on a per hydrant monthly charge in the amount as follows:

2	inches	or	less	\$2.00
3	inches	or	less	\$3.00
	inches			\$4.00
	inches			\$6.00
	inches			\$8.00

Section 9. The board may shut off water from any customer in default in the payment of any bill for water use, during such time as a default may continue.

Section 10. The board may, in its discretion, require a deposit from any customer, in an amount equal to 3 times the estimated monthly bill, and hold the same as security for the payment of any account to become owing for water use. Any part or all of said deposit may be applied at any time toward the payment of any delingquent account, and at such time as the depositing customer shall cease to use water from the system, any unapplied balance of the deposit shall be refunded. The unapplied balance of any deposit shall bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Section 11. The town shall be under no obligation to extend any water main or line, but may extend any of the same, at its option, if the anticipated revenue to be received from such extension over a 3 year period will aggregate an equal amount to the estimated cost of such extension; provided, if such 3 year revenue will be insufficient therefor, such extension may nevertheless be made if the excess cost be paid in advance by the person or persons requesting the extension; and in such event if other customers connect up with such extension within a period of 6 years after completion, they shall be required to pay a proportionate part of the excess cost and the prorated amount thereof shall be refunded to persons originally making the payment. Extensions of mains and lines shall extend only to the line of private property, except with express consent of the council.

Section 12. The town does not agree to guarantee continuous, even, and uninterrupted water service to any customer, nor shall the town be liable for any loss or damage resulting from the operation of the water service, directly or indirectly. The town will make a reasonable effort to notify all customers of any anticipated interuption of the service.

Section 13. Each customer shall maintain all faucets, taps, hose, lines and other equipment through which water flows from the town system in good condition and free from leakage.

Section 14. It shall be unlawful for any person to open, cut into, or make any connection with any town water main or line, or to tamper in any way with any main, line, hydrant, or other part whatever of the town water system, without permission of the council or of the water board.

Section 15. It shall be unlawful for any person to open any shutoff valve or other device so as to permit water to flow from the town mains or lines into any private main or line without the express permission of the council or of the water board.

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Section 16. There shall be added to all customers water bills each month a surcharge of \$1.00 per month and which surcharge shall remain in effect until indebtedness for exceed \$30,000.00.

Section 17. If any customer shall violate the provisions of this ordinance or shall violate the provisions of any section of this ordinance or any rule, or regulation promulgated by the board and shall continue any violation of any section of this ordinance after reasonable notice from the board or its agents to cease such violation, the board may then shut off the water from supply of such customer and such customer shall be subject to a penal fine upon conviction thereof in the recorder's court of not less than \$10.00 or by imprisonment in the town jail for a period of not more than 10 days or both, and upon conviction thereof, and if by reason of default or violation of any section of this ordinance or fule or regulation promulgated by the board, said customer's water service has been turned off, said customer shall be charged the sum of \$2.00 for turning on, or re-establishing, the service to said customer, and such violation shall subject the customer to be placed on a meter rate.

Section 18. If any part of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional or shall be invalidated for any reason, all of the remaining portions shall nevertheless remain in full force and effect.

Section 19. Ordinance No. 289, passed by the council and approved by the mayor on the 5th day of March, 1956, and all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed, provided that said Ordinance No. 289 shall remain in full force and effect for the punishment of any violations thereunder occurring prior to the passage of this ordinance and for the collection of any accounts occurring thereunder.

Section 20. Inasmuch as clarification of the irrigation rates for water use is needed immediately, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately following its passage by the council and approval by the mayor.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Recorder