

ORDINANCE NO. 1411

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE WATER UTILITY RATES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF PAYMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION:

1. THAT Sections 31-5, 31-12 and 31-16 of Chapter 31 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 31-5. PAYMENT OF WATER RENT; DISCONTINUING SERVICE FOR NONPAYMENT.

All water rent shall be payable to the office of the city treasurer within forty five (45) days following the date of billing, and if not paid within that time shall become delinquent, and the water shall be shut off without notice.

Sec. 31-12. METER RATES.

Effective with billings made on or after December 1, 1971, the following monthly rates shall apply to all water used and measured by a water meter:

(a) RATE NO. 1. COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL RATE  
(WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS)

(1) Rate. Minimum charge (3,000 gallons or less) per month; \$3.00. Charge for each 1,000 gallons thereafter as follows:

Next	7,000 gallons	40 cents
Next	10,000 gallons	35 cents
Next	980,000 gallons	30 cents
Next	1,000,000 gallons	25 cents
Over	2,000,000 gallons	20 cents

(2) Applicability. The above rates shall apply to all users within the city limits except those users covered with subsection (e) hereof. It shall be the duty of all owners and/or operators of multiple dwellings, duplex dwellings, and apartments to certify in writing to the utilities department the location thereof and the number of family units therein. Where more than one single-family dwelling is serviced through a single meter, a minimum charge of \$1.50 shall be made for each additional family unit thus served, with credit being given for a corresponding quantity of water on the total consumption. All excess water shall be at the rate in the above schedule.

(b) RATE NO. 2. COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL RATE OUTSIDE THE CITY

LIMITS

(1) Rate. Minimum charge (3,000 gallons or less) per month \$6.00. Charge for each 1,000 gallons thereafter as follows:

Next	7,000 gallons	80 cents
Next	10,000 gallons	70 cents
Next	980,000 gallons	60 cents
Next	1,000,000 gallons	50 cents
Over	2,000,000 gallons	40 cents

(2) Applicability. The above rate shall apply to all users outside the city limits except suburban schools, manufactories, greenhouses, bulk water companies supplying five or more users, and on flow line.

(3) Multiple Service Through One Meter. Where more than one family unit but less than five, is served through a single meter, or where a group of individual family units, less than five, is served by a party line through a master meter, a minimum charge shall be made for each family unit thus served, with credit being given for a corresponding quantity of water on the total consumption. All excess shall be at the above rate.

(c) RATE NO. 3. COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL RATE (OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS-ON FLOW LINE)

(1) Rate. Minimum charge (3,000 gallons or less) per month, \$6.00. Charge for each 1,000 gallons thereafter \$0.60 per 1,000 gallons.

(2) Applicability. The above rate shall apply to all users outside the city limits on the flow line, except suburban schools, manufactories, greenhouses, and bulk water companies supplying five or more users.

(3) Multiple Service Through One Meter. Where more than one family unit, but less than five, is served through a single meter, or where a group of individual family units, less than five, is served by a party line through a master meter, a minimum charge shall be made for each family unit thus served, with credit being given for a corresponding quantity of water on the total consumption. All excess shall be at the above rate.

(d) RATE NO. 4 SUBURBAN SCHOOLS, MANUFACTORIES, GREENHOUSES, AND BULK WATER COMPANIES (OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS)

(1) Rate. Minimum charge (3,000 gallons or less) per month \$3.95. Charge for each 1,000 gallons thereafter shall be as follows:

Next	7,000 gallons	50 cents
Next	10,000 gallons	45 cents
Next	980,000 gallons	40 cents

Next 1,000,000 gallons	35 cents
Over 2,000,000 gallons	30 cents

(2) Applicability. The above rate shall apply to suburban schools, manufactories, greenhouses (including hot beds when operated in connection with, and as a part of such greenhouse), and bulk water companies supplying five or more users.

(e) RATE NO. 5. USERS OF WATER FROM THE UTE WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT SYSTEM (WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS)

(1) Rate. Minimum charge (3,000 gallons or less) \$4.35. Charge for each 1,000 gallons thereafter shall be as follows:

Next 7,000 gallons	60 cents
Next 10,000 gallons	55 cents
Next 980,000 gallons	50 cents
Next 1,000,000 gallons	45 cents
Over 2,000,000 gallons	40 cents

(2) Applicability. The above rate shall apply to those city residents using water from the Ute Water Conservancy District system and considered and billed by the city as individual customers under the agreement between said district and the city.

(3) Multiple Service Through One Meter. Where more than one family unit is served through a single meter, or where a group of individual family units, is served by a party line through a master meter, a minimum charge shall be made for each family unit thus served, with credit being given for a corresponding quantity of water on the total consumption. All excess shall be at the above rate.

(f) RATE FOR UNMETERED WATER.

Where it is presently impractical to install water meters to measure the consumption of water for irrigation purposes by users within or outside the city (the word user not here including the City of Grand Junction), a charge to each user, for the period April through September of each year. shall be made. Such charge shall be determined by multiplying the acreage involved by two (the average acre feet of water used for irrigation purposes) with this total then being multiplied by \$105.00. Such computed charge shall be billed on twelve (12) equal payments on a monthly basis.

(g) FAMILY UNIT DEFINED.

As used in this chapter, a family unit shall mean a building or part thereof occupied as a permanent abiding place by one or more individuals living and cooking on the premises as a single housekeeping unit.

Sec. 31-16. CHARGE FOR WATER SOLD BY THE TANK.

Water sold by the tank by the city shall be charged for at the following rates:

Minimum charge for 350 gallons, or less	\$0.75
For each additional 100 gallons thereafter	.07

2. Because established utility rates have failed to provide adequate revenues for operation of the utility systems together with debt service a special emergency exists making this ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and it shall become effective upon its passage for the purposes stated.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 3rd day of November, 1971.

/s/ Stanley R. Anderson  
President of the Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Neva B. Lockhart  
City Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing emergency ordinance, entitled AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE WATER UTILITY RATES OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION; PROVIDING FOR COLLECTION OF PAYMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY was introduced, read, passed and adopted as an emergency ordinance, numbered 1411 and ordered published by the unanimous vote of the members of the City Council of the City of Grand Junction at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 3rd day of November, 1971.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 4th day of November, 1971.

/s/ Neva B. Lockhart  
City Clerk

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