

**ORDINANCE #66076**  
**Board Bill No. 263**  
**Committee Substitute**

An ordinance pertaining to water rates; finding, determining and declaring that an increase in certain water rates is necessary for certain purposes; defining certain terms; repealing Section 553.015 of Section One of Ordinance 57089 which is presently codified as Section 23.16.020, Revised Code, City of St. Louis 1994, Anno. ("Revised Code"), repealing Section 548.120 Section One of Ordinance 57997 which is presently codified as Section 23.06.130, Revised Code, and repealing Ordinance 63136, parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.16.050, 23.16.070, 23.16.080, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030, and 23.20.040, Revised Code, all having as their subject water rates and charges; enacting in lieu thereof eight new sections; with an emergency provision.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION ONE.** Findings

It is hereby found, determined and declared by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that increases in certain water rates as hereinafter provided, are necessary to provide revenues sufficient for the maintenance and operation of the City's waterworks and water facilities and at least to pay the running expenses of the Water Division, and for the payment of the outstanding St. Louis Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1994 and Series 1998 as required by Article XIII Section 11 of the St. Louis City Charter and for the payment of the principal of and interest on all additional outstanding Water Revenue Bonds when such bonds become due.

**SECTION TWO.** Repeals.

The following ordinance provisions are hereby repealed effective on the first day of the First Year, as hereinafter defined, or on the effective date of this ordinance, whichever is later: Section 553.015 of Section One of Ordinance 57089 which is presently codified as Section 23.16.020, Revised Code, City of St. Louis 1994 Anno. ("Revised Code"), Section 548.120 of Section One of Ordinance 57997 which is presently codified as Section 23.06.130, Revised Code, and Ordinance 63136, parts of which are presently codified as Sections 23.16.025, 23.16.040, 23.16.050, 23.16.070, 23.16.080, 23.18.070, 23.20.020, 23.20.030, and 23.20.040, Revised Code.

**SECTION THREE.** Definitions.

As used in this Ordinance, First Year means the time period beginning on December 1, 2003, or on the effective date of this ordinance, whichever is later, until the beginning of the Second Year, and Second Year means the time period beginning on July 1, 2004, respectively.

**SECTION FOUR.** Effective Date of Rates and Charges.

The rates and charges imposed by Sections Five to Eleven, inclusive, of this ordinance shall be effective on the first day of the First Year.

**SECTION FIVE.** Flat Rates.

The following water rates are hereby imposed:

- (a) Flat rate for domestic use.

For the use of water for domestic family residence, flat or apartment purposes, for periods of three months in advance:

**FIRST YEAR**

Room charge, each . . . . .	\$2.44
Water closet, each . . . . .	\$9.52
Baths, each . . . . .	\$7.99
Shower, separate from bath, each . . . . .	\$7.99

SECOND YEAR

Room charge, each . . . . .	\$2.55
Water closet, each . . . . .	\$9.95
Baths, each . . . . .	\$8.35
Shower, separate from bath, each . . . . .	\$8.35

Sprinkling charge of \$.164 per front foot shall be assessed each three month billing period for lawn sprinkling and other outside uses in the First Year. This charge shall be \$.171 per foot in the Second Year.

(b) Temporary use of flat rate.

In those cases where users are not eligible for flat rates as enumerated in Section 23.16.060, Revised Code, and where existing water service is unmetered as of the first day of the First Year, it shall be the duty of the Water Commissioner, as soon as possible, to cause the installation or setting of the required meter. In the interim, bills shall be rendered to these customers on the basis of the appropriate flat rates imposed by this ordinance.

(c) Swimming pool charge.

1. A flat water rate shall be applied where a swimming pool, pond or other pool is found on the premises having a capacity of more than one hundred (100) cubic feet and less than two thousand (2,000) cubic feet which are not metered under Section 23.16.060, Revised Code. Said flat rate shall be payable for periods of three (3) months in advance as follows:

FIRST YEAR

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet . . . . .	\$14.98.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet . . . . .	\$20.96.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet . . . . .	\$26.96.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet . . . . .	\$32.94.

SECOND YEAR

Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of more than 100 but less than 501 cubic feet . . . . .	\$15.65.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 501 but less than 1,001 cubic feet . . . . .	\$21.90.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,001 but less than 1,501 cubic feet . . . . .	\$28.17.
Swimming pool, pond or other pool having a capacity of 1,501 but less than 2,000 cubic feet . . . . .	\$34.42.

2. After paying the flat rates imposed under the foregoing subsection (c).1 or subsection 4 (d) of Ordinance 63136, or both, for a minimum of one (1) year, the user making said payments shall have the option to pay at meter rates as provided by Chapter 23.18, Revised Code. Such options shall be exercised in writing on forms supplied by the Water Commissioner. The user shall provide for the meter by having a meter box and set up installed on the service in accordance with Section 23.04.210, Revised Code, at the user's own expense.

SECTION SIX. Metered Rates.

(a). Water furnished to all metered connections shall be assessed for use per three-month billing period, or less, at rates equal to the combined sum of a readiness-to-serve charge and a quantity charge.

(b). The readiness-to-serve charge shall be determined by the size of the meter and shall be as follows:

FIRST YEAR

Meter	
5/8" . . . . .	\$15.43
3/4" . . . . .	17.96
1" . . . . .	22.78

1½"	32.94
2"	47.88
3"	92.82
4"	164.66
6"	314.35
8"	479.00
10"	658.64

SECOND YEAR

Meter	
5/8"	\$16.12
3/4"	18.77
1"	23.81
1½"	34.42
2"	50.03
3"	97.00
4"	172.07
6"	328.50
8"	500.56
10"	688.28

(c) Should water be furnished through two (2) or more separate meters, the readiness-to-serve charge shall be the combined total of the readiness-to-serve charge for each meter. Should water be furnished through a single meter containing two (2) or more metering elements, the readiness-to-serve charge shall be that for a single meter the size of the largest metering element.

(d). The quantity charge shall be at the following rates:

- For first 25,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$1.14 the First Year and \$1.19 the Second Year.
- For next 1,975,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$0.89 the First Year and \$0.93 the Second Year.
- Over 2,000,000 cubic feet per billing, per 100 cubic feet, \$0.68 the First Year and \$0.71 the Second Year.

(e). Should water be furnished through two (2) or more meters or through a single meter with two (2) or more metering elements, the quantity charge shall be based on the combined total of all water used as indicated by all registers.

**SECTION SEVEN.** Special rates in hospitals or charitable institutions.

(a). The quantity charge for the use of water by any hospital or charitable institution in the City which shall make written application to the Water Commissioner, signed by its president, secretary or managing officer, asking for a special charity rate, and stating that free service is furnished to not less than ten (10) percent of its patients, members or inmates, and giving special details of the management as are necessary to show the philanthropic nature of the institution shall, if approved by the Water Commissioner, be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.60 per one hundred cubic feet the First Year and \$0.63 the Second Year.

(b) In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section Six of this ordinance.

**SECTION EIGHT.** School Rates.

(a) The quantity charge for the use of water by any public, parochial, interparochial schools, public libraries, and art museum of the Art Museum subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis, shall be assessed for the water used in the institution at a special rate of \$0.68 per one hundred cubic feet the First Year and \$0.71 the Second Year.

(b). In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section Six of this ordinance.

**SECTION NINE.** Zoological parks.

(a). The quantity charge for the use of water by zoological parks of the Zoological subdistrict of the Metropolitan Zoological Park and Museum District of the City of St. Louis and the County of St. Louis, shall be \$0.60 per one hundred cubic feet the First Year and \$0.63 the Second Year.

(b). In addition to the quantity charge, there shall be assessed each billing period a readiness-to-serve charge for each meter in accordance with the schedule set forth in Section Six of this ordinance.

**SECTION TEN.** Water turn-on service charge.

A service charge of \$15.00 in the First Year and \$20.00 in the Second Year shall be collected in advance for turning on water to new flat rate and meter accounts.

**SECTION ELEVEN.** Shutoff for delinquency.

The Collector of Revenue shall furnish the Water Commissioner a written list each day of all water bills paid the previous day. The Water Commissioner shall shut off the water from all premises for the nonpayment of delinquent bills. Water shall not again be furnished thereto until all outstanding obligations for water supplied to such premises shall have been paid in full, and a charge of \$15.00 in the First Year and \$20.00 in the Second Year has been paid in advance for turning on such water.

**SECTION TWELVE.** Emergency.

This being an ordinance necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, it is hereby declared to be an emergency ordinance under Article IV, Sections 19 and 20 of the Charter of the City of St. Louis, and it shall take effect and be in full force on December 1, 2003 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**Approved: November 17, 2003**