

## **CHAPTER 8-5 WATER SYSTEM AND RATES**

### **8-5-1 WATER RATES WITHIN THE CITY**

The minimum rate for water rates within the city limits shall be \$18.00 per month (eighteen dollars) and shall entitle the consumer to 1,000 (one thousand) gallons of water during said month. Any quantity of water used, over and above, shall be paid for at the rate of \$3.10 (three dollars and ten cents) per thousand gallons.

Ordinance #672, 11/7/11

### **8-5-2 WATER RATES OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS**

The minimum rate for water rates outside the city limits shall be \$22.50 (twenty two dollars and fifty cents) per month and shall entitle the consumer to 1,000 gallons during said month. Any quantity of water used, over and above, shall be paid for at the rate of \$3.87 (three dollars and eighty seven cents) per 1,000 gallons.

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### **8-5-3 PAYMENT FOR SERVICES**

All bills rendered are net, due and payable on receipt. They are delinquent if not paid by the fifteenth of the month. A five percent delayed payment penalty will be charged and the consumer will be immediately mailed a "Past Due Notice" stating water services will be disconnected after ten days. Said notice will give the date when the utility will be terminated, the dollar amount which is delinquent and must be paid to retain water service and reason upon which the proposed disconnection is based. If upon the termination date, the delinquent amount, as stated in said notice, is not paid in full, the utility service will be terminated unless the consumer has entered into an agreement for payment of said bill that is satisfactory to the City of Howard.

A water utility which has been terminated because of non-payment of account will not be resumed until all billing of said account has been paid in full, including a reconnection charge in the amount of \$20.00 if the water utility service is reconnected during the regular water department working hours. Discontinued water service will be resumed only upon full payment of all billings and the service reconnection charge.

Ordinance #644, 4/9/07

### **8-5-4 OWNER OR LESSEE LIABLE FOR UTILITY CHARGES**

The owner of private property, which property has upon it electrical lines connected to the city electric grid, sewer or water lines connected to a municipal supply line, shall, as well as the lessee or occupant of the premises, be liable to the City for the rents or rates of all city utility service supplied to and used upon said premises, which may be recovered in an action against such owner, lessee, or occupant or against any or all of them.

Ordinance #650, 9/8/08

#### 8-5-5 SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS

There shall be appointed by the City Council, at the first regular meeting of the new council in each year, a superintendent of the system of waterworks. Before entering upon the discharge of his duties, the Superintendent shall give a bond in the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), conditioned upon the faithful discharge of his duties. Said Superintendent shall hold his office during the pleasure of the Council, provided that the person selected by the City Council, to have charge of said water works, shall act as such.

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#### 8-5-6 DUTIES OF SUPERINTENDENT

It is the duty of the Superintendent to:

1. Carry out the provisions of all city ordinances and resolutions concerning the municipal water system.
2. Supervise the operation and maintenance of the water system.
3. Account to the City Council for any expenditures made in the discharge of his office.
4. Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the City Council or Mayor.

The Superintendent, under the direction of the City Council, shall have supervision of all buildings, machinery, pipes, hydrants, and everything connected with said system of waterworks, and it shall be his duty to have the care of and attend to the running and operation of the pumps and other machinery connected therewith, and perform such other duties as the City Council may prescribe.