

ORDINANCE NO. 1372

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1356 OF THE CITY OF TONGANOXIE, KANSAS, AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER USAGE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas operates a water utility which provides water to residential and commercial customers for the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tonganoxie, Kansas operates a wastewater treatment works; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with operation, maintenance and management of the City-owned water and sewer utilities has exceeded the amount collected through the present rate schedule thereby requiring that rates be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TONGANOXIE, KANSAS, THAT:

Section 1. Water rates: The following water rates shall apply to all customers purchasing through a meter on a monthly basis:

From 0 gallons to 1,000 gallons \$8.55

Each increment of 1,000 gallons thereafter shall be charged at the rate of \$5.22

This rate shall also apply to persons living outside the corporate limits of the City that are connected to the City water mains. In addition to the above rates there shall be an additional fee of \$5.00 or 25% of the water bill, whichever is larger, for a meter reading fee if the meter is outside the City limits.

Section 2. Sewer fees.

A. Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on his use of the treatment works as determined by water meter(s) acceptable to the City.

B. For residential contributors, monthly user charges will be based on average monthly water usage billed during the months of November, December, and January. Until a residential contributor has established a November, December, January average, his monthly user charge shall be the median charge of all other residential contributors. Note: Churches, religious institutions, and non-profit charitable organizations as determined by the Internal Revenue Service, will be billed under the residential classification.

C. For industrial and commercial contributors, user charges shall be based on water used during the current month for which the sanitary sewer charge is incurred. If a commercial or industrial contributor has a consumptive use of water, or in some other manner uses water which is not returned to the wastewater

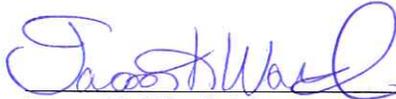
collection system, the use charge for that contributor may be based on a separate water meter installed and maintained at the contributor's expense, in a manner acceptable to the City.

D. The minimum monthly charge shall be \$14.36 and shall be payment for 0 gallons to 1,000 gallons of water used as determined in the preceding sections B and C. In addition, each contributor shall pay a charge for operation and maintenance, including replacement, of \$4.20 per additional 1,000 gallons of water used as determined in the preceding sections B and C.

Section 2. Publication and effective date. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in *The Mirror*, the official newspaper for the City and shall be effective with the January 2014 utility billing.

Section 3. Repeal. That Ordinance No. 1356 and any other Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TONGANOXIE, KANSAS, ON THIS 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2013.



Jason K. Ward, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nathan D. McCommon, City Clerk

