



SUMMARY: Adopts schedule of rates and charges for provision of water service within the Washoe Valley Meadows Subdivision service area and providing procedures for its enforcement.

BILL NO. 794

ORDINANCE NO. 621

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY WASHOE COUNTY WITHIN THE WASHOE VALLEY MEADOWS SUBDIVISION SERVICE AREA; REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO SUBMIT BILLINGS TO ALL WATER USERS WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA; AND REQUIRING PAYMENT THEREOF.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF WASHOE DO ORDAIN:

.010 This ordinance shall be known as the Washoe Valley Meadows Subdivision schedule of rates and charges for water service.

.011 Definitions. As used in this ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. "Applicant" means a person not a user who applies for water service to a parcel within the service area.

2. "County" means the Washoe County Department of Public Works.

3. "Board" means the Board of County Commissioners of Washoe County.

4. "Customer" means a person who receives water service from the County within the service area.

5. "Private Fire Protection" means service through a line to hydrants used to extinguish accidental fires not located within a public dedicated and accepted right-of-way.

6. "Service area" means the place of use of water rights available to serve the Washoe Valley Meadows Subdivision.

.012 Time and Manner of Payment.

1. The County shall read the water meters in the service area monthly, and as soon thereafter as practicable, issue a bill for each service in accordance with this ordinance.

2. Upon presentation all bills are due and payable by

the customer at the office of the County.

3. Accounts not paid within 30 days of presentation are delinquent and shall be charged a ten dollar (\$10.00) late payment processing fee plus a penalty of 15% A.P.R. on the outstanding balance.

4. The County may discontinue service to a customer having a delinquent bill.

5. The County shall send out bills for water used and for which no payment has been received. The County shall use these current rates for determining the amounts used. Should the customer reactivate the service, without consent of the County, an additional charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) will be made for each such occurrence.

.014 Proration of Service Charges; Minimum Bill.  
If any opening or closing bill is for a period shorter than the regular billing period, the base rate charge and monthly flat rate charges for private fire and combined service shall be reduced in the same proportion as the actual period of use is reduced from the regular billing period.

.016 Failure to Receive a Bill. Failure to receive a bill does not relieve a customer of the obligation to pay for services received.

.018 Estimated Bills.

1. If a meter cannot be read because of obstructions or other causes, an estimate shall be made of the quantity of water used, and a bill shall be issued for the estimated service.

2. The next succeeding bill which is based upon actual meter readings will reflect the difference between prior estimates and actual consumption.

3. If a meter is found to be nonoperable, consumption shall be estimated and billed, considering all pertinent factors.

.020 Basis for Billing.

1. All metered services shall be billed on the basis of meter readings in accordance with the usage charges and the monthly base rates established by this ordinance.

2. Customers are responsible for payment of all water recorded as having passed through a meter regardless of

whether the water was put to beneficial use.

.022 Checks Not Honored by Bank.

1. Checks presented in payment of bills which are returned by a bank shall be treated as though no payment had been made.

2. Redemption of returned checks may be required to be by cash or equivalent. The customer must reimburse the County for any returned check fees charged by a bank to the County.

.024 Multiple Water Bills. For the purpose of computing charges, each meter will be considered separately, and readings of multiple meters will not be combined, except where a battery of smaller meters has been installed in lieu of a larger one for the County's convenience. In such cases, charges will be computed as if the water used has been measured through a single meter.

.026 Charges and Fees. All charges and fees for service installation and extensions of residential mains must be paid before the County initiates any work on the installation or extension.

.028 Metered Rates and Charges for Domestic, Commercial, Industrial, and Irrigation Service.

1. Residential - Potable Water Schedule: This schedule applies to all churches and residential customers including single-family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, pre-manufactured housing, mobile homes or trailers, and condominiums in which each residential unit is served by a separate water meter. Service sizes included under this schedule shall be 1-inch or smaller.

a) Water Usage Charge:

\$1.11 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month

b) Monthly Base Rate:

All customers \$20.00 per month

2. Residential Standby User Schedule: This fee shall be assessed upon all approved parcels within the service area. It shall represent each parcel's prorated share of the fixed costs associated with the operation of the water treatment plant. It shall become effective when the water treatment plant commences operation.

Standby User Fee \$20.00 per month

3. Fire and Irrigation Fee: The fee shall be applied to all approved lots within the service area.

Fire and Irrigation Fee           \$15.00 per month

\_\_\_\_.030 Represents Lien on Property. Until paid, all rates, tolls and charges provided in this ordinance constitute a perpetual lien on and against the property served and may be foreclosed upon as provided by law.

\_\_\_\_.032 Charges for Meter Testing. The County will shop-test, preferably in the presence of the customer, a meter of, at the request of a customer and payment of a twenty dollar (\$20) fee. If the meter, upon testing, registers no greater than two percent (2%) over the true quantity, the fee shall be forfeited, and all water bills paid as presented. However, if the meter registers more than two percent (2%) of the true quantity, the fee shall be returned, and the amount overcharged during the prior six months, or such portion of the six month period as the customer has been responsible for water bills will be credited to the customer and another meter substituted for the inaccurate meter.

\_\_\_\_.034 Review of Water Service Charges and Rates. The Board shall annually review the rates and charges set forth in this Ordinance to insure that the rates and charges adequately reflect the costs associated with the provision of potable, irrigation and firefighting waters.

\_\_\_\_.036 Charges for Interim Service.

1. These charges apply to nonmetered services through which water is delivered from fire hydrants for use during construction, exclusive of developments which have paid for construction water under the provisions of Section \_\_\_\_\_.038:

- a) A hydrant use permit fee of \$10.00; and
- b) \$3.00 for each day any water is used.

\_\_\_\_.038 Charges for Water for Subdivision Construction.

1. These charges apply to metered use of water during development and construction within subdivisions or other projects:

- a) Deposit for hydrant meter of \$600.
  - 1) Deposit will be refunded upon return of hydrant

meter in like condition to when deposit was paid.

b) Monthly Base Rate of \$85.00 each month.

c) Water Usage Charge of \$1.11 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month.

.040 Charges for Disconnection and Reconnection. If service is discontinued the customer shall pay a processing charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for disconnection and another fifteen dollars (\$15.00) for reconnection.

.042 Charges for Service Connection Installation.

1. This charge includes tapping of the main, installation of the service line from the main to the meter, the meter, and the meter box, in accordance with the following table:

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Installation Charge</u>
5/8"	\$325
3/4"	\$335
1"	\$380
1-1/2"	\$560
2"	\$875
Over 2"	Actual Cost

.044 Connection Privilege Fee. Approved lots within the service area - No Charge.

.046 Deposit for Service.

1. All new applicants or customers shall deposit \$100.00 at the time of application for service. At the end of one year of service if all accounts have been kept current the amount of the deposit shall be credited to the next month's bill or refunded.

2. An application for service will not be granted unless full payment has been made for water services previously rendered to the applicant or customer by the County.

.048 Checking Fee.

1. Any applicant, customer or developer requiring approval of plans by the County, or desiring plan checking shall pay to the County the following fee or fees.

A minimum of \$200 plus \$5 per lot for all lots in excess of 40 within the subdivision.

2. If any portion of the plans after being checked are required to be redrawn or rechecked, the applicant shall pay the additional cost of checking based upon the actual expense of the rechecking service. No plan checking will be done until the required fee is paid.

3. In the case of rechecking, the fee shall be based upon an estimated cost of the service, and payment in excess of costs will be returned to the applicant.

Proposed on the 24th day of July, 1984.  
 Proposed by Commissioners Williams, King, Lillard, McDowell &  
 Passed on the 11th day of September, 1984. Ritter

Vote:

Ayes: Commissioners: Williams, King, Lillard, McDowell &  
 Ritter

Nays: Commissioners: None

Absent: Commissioners: None

  
 Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

  
 COUNTY CLERK

This ordinance shall be in force and effect from and after the 24th day of September, 1984.