

**ORDINANCE NO. 227-14**

**AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING CHARGES LISTED IN  
SCHEDULE "A" OF ORDINANCE NO. 104**

**WHEREAS**, City of Irrigon Ordinance No. 104, Schedule "A" requires an ordinance be enacted when adjusting City Water rates and fees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may, from time to time, adjust charges to reflect current costs for operations, maintenance and debt retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City shall certify all available property tax requirements on any General Obligation Bonds (property taxes), approved by voters, providing a more transparent and actual accounting of debt requirements;

**THE CITY OF IRRIGON ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:**

Water rates for water service shall be charged according to the following schedule:

Minimum monthly charge up to 1,336 cu. ft. (10,000 gallons)	
a. Basic Utility Charge (Wtr)	\$21.55
b. User Loan Fee (Wbnd)	\$16.89
User Loan Fee to be a monthly minimum non-metered charge, whether occupied, rented and/or vacant that is or has been constructed for a permanent full time use (Site Built, Manufactured Home/Trailer Park, Duplex/Multi-Plex, and RV Sub-divisions).	
Out of City Minimum Charge up to 1,336 cu ft.	
a. Basic Utility Charge (Wtr)	\$21.55
b. User Loan Fee (Wbnd)	\$28.59
User Loan Fee to be a monthly minimum non-metered charge, whether occupied, rented and/or vacant that is or has been constructed for a permanent full time use(Site Built, Manufactured Home/Trailer Park, Duplex/Multi-Plex, and RV Sub-divisions).	
Usage Charge (Consumption above 1,336 cu ft)	\$0.01526/cu. ft. (\$0.00204/gal.)

Any developed parcel with established connection shall be charged at a minimum, a monthly flat "User Loan Fee (Wbnd) to equally meet debt requirements by all developed parcels (active or inactive accounts), whether or not occupied, rented and/or vacant that are constructed for a permanent dwelling or business.

The above charges are independent of assessments applied to property values (property taxes) as a means to retire a portion of general obligation bonds for water system improvements. All available property tax requirements on any General Obligation Bonds (property taxes), approved by voters shall be certified. Presumed equivalent tax obligation is included in the out of city rate.

Delinquency fee \$5.00 Plus

Other charges relating to water service:

**Service Connection Charge.**

The following amounts for labor, overhead and materials shall be full payment for original installation:

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Service Charge Including Trench and Backfill</u></b>
5/8 x 3/4 inch	\$1,115.00

**Charges for meters larger than 3/4 inch will be at actual time and materials cost.**

**Bulk Water Sales**

Hydrant meter deposit	\$900.00, refundable \$750.00
Minimum Charge < 4,000 gal	\$75.00
Water Charge per gallon, Tanker only	\$0.025

Charges for water turn off and reconnection: \$35.00

Water service deposit: \$150.00 (May be combined with sewer deposit)

Any unpaid charges shall become a lien upon the property and shall be collected at the time the property is sold.

All delinquent account balances for service address are to be paid prior to turning on service for a current, new or prior account.

The above charges for water service shall apply effective July 1, 2014 and shall be adjusted annually as deemed appropriate by City Council to ensure all fiscal requirements and expectations are clearly and openly met. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect with the first meter reading period following July 1, 2014.

This ordinance supersedes any prior ordinances setting fees for water service.

PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2014.

Signed:

Sam Heath  
Sam Heath, Mayor

Attest:

Aaron Palmquist  
Aaron Palmquist, City Manager