



SUMMARY: Adopts schedule of rates and charges for provision of water service within the Spring Creek service area.

BILL NO. 792

ORDINANCE NO. 619

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF WATER SERVICE BY WASHOE COUNTY WITHIN THE SPRING CREEK 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 Spring Creek 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 or who owns the parcel to which water is served.
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 Spring Creek Subdivision.

.015 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% 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.

.017 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.

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

.021 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.

.023 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.

.025 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 and a \$10.00 handling charge will be levied by the County plus any additional charges of the bank.

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.

.027 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.

.029 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.

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

1. Residential Schedule A: 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. Service sizes larger than 3/4-inch shall be included in Schedule C.

a) Water Usage Charge:

\$1.01 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month

b) Monthly Base Rate:

All customers \$8.35 each month

2. Residential Schedule B: This schedule applies to all residential customers including single-family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, pre-manufactured housing, mobile homes or trailers on individual lots or in parks, and condominiums but excluding motel or hotel units normally rented for periods of less than one

month, in which each residential unit is not separately metered.

a) Water Usage Charge:

\$1.01 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month

b) Monthly Base Rate:

All customers \$8.35 each month

3. Commercial Schedule C: This schedule applies to all commercial customers of water, including motels, hotels, hospitals, nursing homes, schools, mercantile, industries, business, and governmental agencies. The monthly base rate depends on service size as shown in the table. Service sizes not listed in the following table shall be charged the Monthly Base Rate of the next larger service size shown in the table:

a) Water Usage Charge:

\$1.01 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month

b) Monthly Base Rate Table

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>
3/4"	\$ 8.35
1"	\$ 13.35
1-1/2"	\$ 26.75
2"	\$ 42.80
3"	\$ 85.60
4"	\$ 137.00
6"	\$ 274.40
8"	\$ 438.00
10"	\$ 700.00

.033 Charges for Private Fire Protection Service  
 These charges apply to all services through which water is used solely for extinguishing accidental fires:

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>
3"	\$ 10.00
4"	\$ 13.00
6"	\$ 24.00
8"	\$ 36.00
10"	\$ 50.00
12"	\$ 70.00

.034 Charges for Meter Testing. The County will shop-test, preferably in the presence of the customer, a meter of a size two-inch (2") or smaller, 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. The same procedure shall apply to meters larger than two-inch (2"), except that the meter shall be field-tested.

    .035 Charges for Combined Service.

1. These charges apply to services through which water is delivered for the dual purpose of providing domestic supply and private fire protection.

2. The monthly charge will be the charge for domestic water as determined in Section     .031 plus the charge for private fire protection as determined in Section     .033.

    .037 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     .039:

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

    .039 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 \$1.01 per 1,000 gallons of water used each month.

2. These charges apply to nonmetered use of water during development and construction within subdivisions

or other projects:

- a) Each lot in subdivision \$11.00
- b) Property not subdivided into lots or into less than four (4) lots per acre. \$46.00 per gross acre

c) The amounts shown in paragraphs a) and b) are one-time charges.

.040 Charges for Disconnection, Reconnection, Account Transfer and Special Reading. 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. If the customer requests an account transfer or special meter reading, a processing charge of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be charged.

.041 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>
3/4" or smaller	\$335
1"	\$380
1-1/2"	\$560
2"	\$875
Over 2"	Actual Cost

2. This charge includes setting of meter in a Sanitation Division approved installation, in accordance with the following:

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Installation Charge</u>
3/4" or smaller	\$ 80.00
1"	\$ 90.00
1-1/2"	\$130.00
Over 2"	Actual Cost

.043 Residential Main Extension Fee Schedule. Main extension fees to a single residentially zoned lot shall be according to the following table:

<u>Distance from Existing Main</u>	<u>Payment by Applicant</u>
1' - 500'	\$10 per foot
501' - 1250'	\$5,000 plus \$8 per foot over 500 feet

.047 Connection Privilege Fee for New Connections

1. A connection privilege fee of \$2500.00 shall be charged for each new water service.

2. The fee shall be charged for each dwelling unit or lot on the final subdivision map served by a water service.

3. The fee shall be paid to the County prior to approval of the final subdivision map, issuance of building permit, or initiation of work by the County.

4. The fee shall be charged to churches, single-family dwellings, duplexes, apartments, condominiums, other multiple dwelling unit structures, mobile homes and trailers, whether temporary or permanent land, whether on individual lots or in parks, and other residential dwellings.

5. A Connection Privilege Fee for each new commercial water service shall be charged and shall be based on service size in accordance with the following table. Service sizes not listed in the following table, shall be charged the Connection Privilege Fee of the next larger size listed in the table.

<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Connection Privilege Fee</u>
3/4"	\$2500
1"	\$3000
1-1/2"	\$4500
2"	\$6400
3"	\$12,800
4"	\$20,500
Above 4"	An amount greater than \$20,500 set by agreement with the Board.

.049 Deposit for Service.

1. All new applicants or customers shall deposit \$50.00 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.

3. Failure on the part of the customer to make such deposit within fifteen (15) days after written notice by



the County that such deposit be made or service may be discontinued, shall warrant the County in discontinuing the service to the customer.

.051 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.

.053 Power Rate Adjustment. The power rates in effect on June 1, 1984 are established as the base rates for purposes of this paragraph. In the event that increases or decreases are approved for such base rates by the Nevada Public Service Commission, then an adjustment shall be made to the water usage charges enumerated in section .031 in the following ratio: For each 1%, or portion thereof, of rate increases or decreases in power charges, there shall be an adjustment of \$0.006 per 1,000 gallons in the water usage service charges, commencing with the next regular billing period.

.055 Uniform Payment Plan. The uniform payment plan is available to residential customers of the Spring Creek water service area who have occupied the same residence for the past twelve (12) months and have a satisfactory payment record. The uniform payment plan is designed to even out the seasonal differences in the customer's monthly water bills and is calculated as follows:

The previous twelve (12) months consumption (July through June) will be added together; and

Then multiplied by the rates and then adjusted for any projected rate changes; and,

Then divided by twelve (12) and rounded up to the nearest whole dollar.

This will give the uniform monthly payment amount for the year to be budgeted. The amount shall be monitored by the County on a monthly basis and any difference or excess credited or charged to the customer's account. The uniform payment plan is optional and may be cancelled by the applicant at any time following proper adjustment rocedures for any unpaid balances. The uniform payment plan payments will be calculated using the rate schedules established by this ordinance.

.057 Water Wasting. No customer shall knowingly permit leaks or waste of water. Where water is wastefully or negligently used on a customer's premises, seriously affecting the general service or operation of the system, the County may discontinue the service if such conditions are not corrected within five (5) days after giving the customer written notice.

.059 Tampering With County Property. No one except an employee or representative of the County shall at any time in any manner operate the curb cocks or valves, main cocks, gates or valves of the County's system; or interfere with meters or their connections, street mains or other parts of the system.

Proposed on the 24th day of July, 1984.  
 Proposed by Commissioner/s Ritter.  
 Passed on the 11th day of September, 1984

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.