

## Chapter 700

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### ARTICLE I

#### Combined Waterworks and Sewerage System—Regulations and Rates

**Section 700.010. Rates For Water Service.** [CC 1979 §68.010; Ord. No. 231 §1, 12-13-1999; Ord. No. 251 §1, 3-10-2003; Ord. No. 264 §1, 3-14-2005; Ord. No. 326 §1, 1-11-2010; Ord. No. 342, 8-13-2012; Ord. No. 365 §1, 8-13-2012; Ord. No. 372 §1, 10-8-2012; Ord. No. 373 §1, 11-12-2012; Ord. No. 379 §1, 3-18-2013]

- A. The monthly rates required and which shall be charged and collected by the City of Diamond shall be as follows:
1. Users living within the corporate limits of the City of Diamond shall pay a base user charge rate of ten dollars and seventy-five cents (\$10.75) for operation and maintenance, replacement and debt retirement and two dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2.63) per thousand gallons of water used, as determined in Section 700.050 of this Article.
  2. Users living outside the corporate limits of the City of Diamond shall pay a base user charge rate of fifteen dollars and forty-four cents (\$15.44) for operation, maintenance, replacement and debt retirement and two dollars and sixty-three cents (\$2.63) per thousand gallons of water used, as determined in Section 700.050.

**Section 700.020. Sewerage Users and Rates For Sewerage Service.** [CC 1979 §68.020; Ord. No. 241 §1, 8-16-2001]

- A. Residential sewer user shall be charged the following monthly rates: [Ord. No. 380, 3-18-2013]
1. The base rate for sewer service shall be eight dollars (\$8.00) per month.
  2. In addition to the base monthly rate, users shall be charged three dollars and forty-seven cents (\$3.47) per each one thousand (1,000) gallons or fraction thereof based on billable water use.
- B. All water users using more than ten thousand (10,000) gallons of water per monthly billing will be considered as commercial sewer users, and the rate for monthly sewer service charge will be determined by the Board of Aldermen.

**Section 700.030. Rates For Trash Collection.** [CC 1979 §68.025; Ord. No. 168 §1, 4-11-1988; Ord. No. 249 §1, 10-14-2002; Ord. No. 283 §1, 11-13-2006; Ord. No. 300, 4-14-2008; Ord. No. 304, 9-8-2008; Ord. No. 318, 9-14-2009]

- A. It is mandatory that all water and sewer users pay for trash pickup if used or not. The rate is set in order to reflect the actual costs of operating the trash collection system.
1. Trash collection service shall be eleven dollars eighty-five cents (\$11.85) per dwelling unit per month.
  2. For senior citizens over the age of sixty-two (62) years the rate shall be the sum of nine dollars eighty-five cents (\$9.85) per month.

**Section 700.040. Rate Standards.** [CC 1979 §68.030]

The Governing Body of the City of Diamond hereby finds and determines that the rates, fees and charges for the use and services of the combined waterworks and sewerage system of the City necessary and adequate at this time to meet the requirements of Sections 250.010 to 250.250, inclusive, RSMo.

**Section 700.050. Monthly Billing Procedure.** [CC 1979 §68.040]

All water meters shall be read and bills for water and sewerage services shall be rendered monthly as such services accrue. The City Clerk, or other officer or representative of the City designated to prepare and render bills for water and sewerage services, shall calculate monthly the amount of each bill for water service, and shall add thereto the amount of such customer's bill for sewerage service, and shall render monthly to each customer a combined bill for such water and sewerage services. All such bills shall be due and payable at the office of the City Collector during the regular hours of business from and after the date of the rendition thereof.

**Section 700.060. Late Payment For Services.** [CC 1979 §68.050; Ord. No. 189 §1, 12-9-1991]

If any bill for water and sewerage services, or for either water service or sewerage service (if any customer shall receive one (1) of such services but not both), shall remain due and unpaid after fifteen (15) days from the date of the rendition thereof, an additional charge of ten percent (10%) on the balance due shall be added thereto.

**Section 700.070. Discontinuance and Reconnection of Services Due To Non-Payment of Bills.** [CC 1979 §68.060; Ord. No. 159 §2, 5-12-1986; Ord. No. 292, 8-13-2007; Ord. No. 319, 9-14-2009]

If any bill for water and sewage services or for either water service or sewerage service (if any customer shall receive one (1) of such services but not both) shall be and remain past due and unpaid through the twentieth (20th) day of the month and after the City sends notice to the customer, the City may disconnect the customer's water and/or sewerage services on the twentieth (20th) day of the month. Said services will not be reconnected until all past due bills are paid in full, together with a reconnection charge of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

**Section 700.080. Application For Water and Sewerage Services.** [CC 1979 §68.070; Ord. No. 223 §1, 4-12-1998; Ord. No. 282 §1, 11-13-2006; Ord. No. 294, 10-8-2007; Ord. No. 321, 9-14-2009]

- A. Application for water and sewerage services shall, be made to the City Clerk, or other person designated by the Board of Aldermen, by the owner or occupant of the property to be served, and upon approval of such application, such applicant shall have the right to connect with the City's combined waterworks and sewerage system.
1. Cost for new water service hookups shall be a minimum of six hundred sixty-five dollars (\$665.00), the price to be based on the City's cost to install the meter, which costs shall include the following: [Ord. No. 384, 3-18-2013]
    - a. Digging from the main to the meter.
    - b. All materials from the main to and including the meter, the meter tile cover and inspection.
    - c. Exception: Where the line crosses a City street or State or Federal highway, then the cost of the complete job shall be subject to bid.
    - d. The Board of Aldermen shall have the right to prescribe additional charges for these costs upon application of the City Clerk.
  2. Water meter will be set on a location of the property to be served at the closest point of the property line and main.
  3. Deposit for water:
    - a. Fifty dollars (\$50.00) for homeowners; and
    - b. One hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for renters.
  4. Cost of sewer hookup shall be a minimum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), which cost shall include:
    - a. Installation of saddle and inspection.
    - b. Tapping must be done by qualified plumber, contractor or Sewer Superintendent.
    - c. Cost of digging borne by applicant or contractor.
    - d. Board of Aldermen reserves the right to increase the cost upon application of the City Clerk.

**Section 700.090. Persons Held Liable For and Collection of Payment For Services.** [CC 1979 §68.080; Ord. No. 293, 8-13-2007; Ord. No. 320, 9-14-2009]

The occupant and user of the premises receiving water and sewerage services, or either of them, and the owner of said premises shall be jointly and severally liable to pay for such services rendered on said premises. The City shall have power to apply any and all

deposits paid for such services to the outstanding balance. If said deposit does not pay the entire balance of the outstanding sum, the City shall then have the power to sue the occupant or the owner, or both, of such real estate in a civil action to receive any sums due for such services plus a reasonable attorney's fee to be fixed by the court. That it is the responsibility of the landlord to notify the City when their tenant(s) have vacated the premises.

**Section 700.100. Services—How Supplied.** [CC 1979 §68.090]

Water service shall be supplied only through water meters installed and meeting the City's specifications, and only one (1) connection shall be permitted to each water meter. No free water service or sewerage service shall be furnished to any premises, or the owner or occupant thereof, except to the City itself, and in the event that the revenues derived by the City from its combined waterworks and sewerage system shall at any time prove insufficient to pay the interest on and principal of the combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds of the City issued to construct, extend or improve such system or any part thereof, and to establish and maintain reasonable reserves as provided in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds, then the City will thereafter pay a fair and reasonable charge for all water and sewerage services, or water service, or sewerage service, furnished the City or any of its departments by the combined waterworks and sewerage system revenue bonds of the City or while any such default shall exist.

**Section 700.110. Services For Manufactured Home and/or Multiple Dwellings On Homeowner's Property.** [CC 1979 §68.110]

Any dwelling or manufactured home on the same property as a homeowner or property owner must have separate sewer and water hookup and will be billed separately.