

ORIGINAL ORDINANCE NO. 1852

INTRODUCED BY: KEMPert

ENROLLED ORDINANCE NO. 1624

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.48.018 OF THE LARAMIE MUNICIPAL  
CODE WHICH ESTABLISHES  
THE WASTEWATER RATES FOR USERS OF MUNICIPAL WATER.

WHEREAS, the City has been furnishing water to various customers in ever increasing numbers for a large number of years and the means of disposing of that water through the wastewater system; and,

WHEREAS, the cost of that disposal and treatment has been increasing, especially taking into account the necessity of replacement of the aging wastewater disposal system in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the City is mandated by the State to establish a rate structure that insures that the wastewater disposal and treatment enterprise account is self sustaining and not supported by the general fund, having the users of the enterprise account pay the expenses of that account; and,

WHEREAS, the City has retained a professional group, Red Oak Consulting, to study the water and wastewater rate structure and report its findings, together with a recommendation for changes to address the future needs of the City with the demands of the water supply system and the wastewater disposal and treatment system and recommend a rate structure to support those demands; and,

WHEREAS, that study has been completed and the results of the study, together with the recommendation by the consultants, having been presented to Council, and Council having fully considered the study and the recommendations; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the City to amend the wastewater rates to reflect a series of increases over the following four years as provided in the amendments presented herein in lieu of a large singular increase; and,

WHEREAS, the Council finds that all of the specified increases are necessary to address the demands of the wastewater disposal system over the entire specified period of time;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LARAMIE, WYOMING that the following sections of Chapter 13.48.018 be, and the same hereby are, amended as follows:

**Section 1. Section 13.48.018 Rate Schedules.**

A. The user rates are hereby established to be charged as follows:

B. Base rate – The monthly base charge for residential and nonresidential users shall be in accordance with the following table:

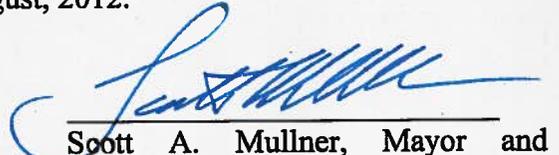
<u>Meter Size</u> <i>(inches)</i>	<u>JANUARY 1, 2013</u>	<u>JANUARY 1, 2014</u>
3/4	11.40	11.80
1	16.00	16.70
1-1/2	27.50	28.80
2	41.30	43.40
3	85.00	89.80
4	143.00	151.00
6	293.00	310.00
8	419.00	443.00

C. Volume rate – The volume flow for residential users will be the average monthly water usage in units (one unit = one-thousand gallons) for January, February and March of the previous year as measured by water meter readings. The volume of flow for nonresidential users will be the water usage measured by water meter readings. In the event valid meter readings are not available, Section 13.44.030 shall be applied to determine the volume of flow. The volume rate per unit for residential, commercial, university, and wholesale users shall be in accordance with the following table.

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>JANUARY 1, 2013</u>	<u>JANUARY 1, 2014</u>
Residential	3.60	3.68
Commercial-CA	6.47	6.57
Commercial-CB	6.73	6.75
Commercial-CC	4.00	4.00
Commercial-CD	4.20	4.23
Commercial-CE	3.70	3.75
Commercial-CF	4.92	5.06
Commercial-CG	3.26	3.45
University-UC	4.00	4.00
University-UE	3.70	3.75
University-UG	3.26	3.45
Wholesale	3.60	3.68

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall become effective January 1, 2013 after passage, approval and publication.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 07th DAY OF August, 2012.

  
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Scott A. Mullner, Mayor and  
President of the City Council of the  
City of Laramie, Wyoming

ATTEST:

  
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Sue Morris-Jones, MMC  
City Clerk

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