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ORDINANCE NO. 1105

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 15-219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MAIZE, KANSAS, PERTAINING TO WATER RATES, AND REPEALING THE ORIGINAL SECTION 15-219.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Maize, Kansas:

SECTION 1. Section 15-219 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

15-219. RATES FOR CUSTOMERS.

(a) **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following phrases shall have the meaning set forth as follows:

(1) "Billing Period" means a period of time between the dates a Meter is read, which will usually equal approximately one month.

(2) "Business Unit" means one separate Business Unit located in a Multi-Unit Commercial Center.

(3) "Customer" means a person, partnership, corporation, governmental unit or other legal entity.

(4) "Dwelling Unit" means one separate unit that is located within a Multi-Family Complex.

(5) "Meter" means a mechanical device which measures and records the quantities of water furnished to a Customer.

(6) "Multi-Family Complex" means a single building that consists of two or more separate Dwelling Units.

(7) "Multi-Unit Commercial Center" means a single building that consists of two or more separate business units.

(8) "Premises" means an inhabited building or buildings on a tract of land.

(9) "Water Service Connection" means a connection between a Customer's plumbing and a meter through which City water is supplied to a Customer.

(b) **Rates for Customers Inside the City Limits of the City.**

(1) Water service charges per Billing Period will be assessed to Customers who are supplied City water through a Water Service Connection; PROVIDED, Premises that have never been connected to City water are not deemed to be connected to City water for the purpose of being assessed, until the City has provided the Customer of the Premises 30 calendar days' written notice that the Premises is eligible to be supplied City water.

(2) Customers who have a Water Service Connection in accordance with Section 15-219(b)(1), whether or not any City water volume passes to the Customer, will pay a Base Rate charge per Billing Period as set out in Table 1.

(3) In addition to the Base Rate charge, Customers will pay an additional charge per Billing Period based upon gallons of water used per Billing Period, as measured by the Meter

that serves the Customer, for water usage that exceeds 2,999 gallons per Billing Period, at rates set in **Table 1**.

(4) The Base Rate and the additional charges will be adjusted on an annual basis on each December 31st as set forth in **Tables 1 and 2**.

Table 1: Water User Rates – 2026 through 2030

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<u>Base Rate (\$/Mo) Inc. 2,999 gal</u>					
5/8" & 3/4"	27.56	28.66	29.81	31.00	32.24
1"	35.88	37.32	38.81	40.36	41.97
1 1/2"	44.20	45.97	47.81	49.72	51.71
2"	53.56	55.70	57.93	60.25	62.66
3"	63.96	66.52	69.18	71.95	74.82
4"	74.36	77.33	80.43	83.64	86.99
6"	84.76	88.15	91.68	95.34	99.16
<u>Volume Rate (1,000 gal of metered water consumption)</u>					
3,000 to 5,999 gallons	5.89	6.12	6.37	6.62	6.89
6,000 to 70,999 gallons	8.91	9.27	9.64	10.03	10.43
> 70,999 gallons	6.67	6.93	7.21	7.50	7.80

(5) Every unit in a Multi-Family Complex shall have a separate Meter when every Dwelling Unit in the complex has a ground floor entrance.

(6) When a Multi-Family Complex has more than one story, each separate Dwelling Unit will be served by one Meter. The owner or manager of a Multi-Family Complex of more than one story will be responsible for paying water usage charges. The water usage charges per Billing Period shall equal the Base Rate set forth in **Table 1** plus the Volume Rate per 1,000 gallons that exceed 2,999 gallons set forth in **Table 1**.

(7) A Multi-Unit Commercial Center Premises will be served by one Meter. The owner or management company of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center will pay a base rate per Billing Period for water that equals the base rate as set out in **Table 2** times the number of Business Units located in the Multi-Unit Commercial Center, regardless of whether or not water passes through the Meter. The owner or management company of a Multi-Unit Commercial Center that is served by one Meter will be responsible for paying water usage charges assessed under this Section 15-219(b) of the Code of the City, at the rates set in **Table 2**.

(8) In addition to the Base Rate charge, each Multi-Unit Commercial Center Owner or management company will pay a volume charge based upon gallons of water used per Billing Period, as measured by the Meter that serves the Customer, for water usage that exceeds 2,999 gallons per Billing Period, at rates set in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Multi Unit Commercial Water User Rates – 2026 through 2030

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<u>Base Rate (\$/Mo) Inc. 2,999 gal</u>					
Multi-Unit Commercial	27.56	28.66	29.81	31.00	32.24
<u>Volume Rate (1,000 gal of metered water consumption)</u>					
3,000 to 5,999 gallons	5.89	6.12	6.37	6.62	6.89
6,000 to 70,999 gallons	8.91	9.27	9.64	10.03	10.43
>79,000 gallons	6.67	6.93	7.21	7.50	7.80

(9) Fire Hydrant Meter Rates. A Customer who is permitted to use a Fire Hydrant Meter will pay a Base Rate charge per month as set out in **Table 3**, whether any City water volume passes through the meter. In addition to the Base Rate charge, Customers will pay an additional charge per Billing Period based upon gallons of water used per Billing Period, as measured by the Fire Hydrant Meter, that exceeds 2,999 gallons per Billing Period at rates set in **Table 3**. The City may waive the Meter rates set forth in **Table 3** if the use of the Fire Hydrant Meter is connected to a City infrastructure construction project.

(10) Before being permitted to use a Fire Hydrant Meter a Customer will make application for a permit on a form provided by the Public Works Department and will enter into an agreement with the City that sets the terms and conditions of the Customer's use of the Fire Hydrant Meter. The City may terminate the agreement at any time for no reason. If any agreement is terminated the Customer must return the Fire Hydrant Meter to the City Public Works Department within twenty-four hours.

Table 3: Fire Hydrant Meter Rates – as of January 1, 2026.

Description	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
<u>Fire Hydrant Permit Fee</u>					
<u>Fire Hydrant Wrench Fee</u>					
<u>Base Rate (\$/Mo) Inc. 2,999 gal</u>					
Fire Hydrant Meter Base Rate	165.75	183.15	202.38	223.64	247.12
<u>Volume Rate (3,000 gal of metered water consumption)</u>					
3,000 to 5,999 gallons	5.89	6.12	6.37	6.62	6.89
6,000 to 70,999 gallons	8.91	9.27	9.64	10.03	10.43
>79,000 gallons	6.67	6.93	7.21	7.50	7.80

(c) Rates for Customers Outside the City Limits of the City.

(1) Customers serviced by the City's municipal water system at locations outside the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Base Rate equal to 150% of the minimum Base Rate charge paid by Customers per meter, based on meter size within the City limits of the City.

(2) Additional charges for water usage in excess of 2,999 gallons per Billing Period shall be charged at the same rate as paid by Customers within the City.

(d) Meter readings made by the City will be rounded down to the nearest thousand.

(e) The minimum water service charge will not be assessed if improvements that are being served or are available to be served are removed from the property.

SECTION 2. Repeal. The existing Section 15-219 of the Code of the City of Maize, Kansas, is repealed.

SECTION 3. Publication. This ordinance will be published once on the City of Maize, Kansas, Website, the official City newspaper.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2026.



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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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