

Chapter 13.35 WATER RATES

13.35.010 Water rates for metered customers.

- A. Residential customers within the city limits shall be charged a base rate and a volumetric charge for water used in a two-month billing cycle as follows:

Meter Type or Size	Two-Month Base Rate	Volume Charge	
		Volume Used (cf)	\$/cf
Residential	\$45.25	0—1,000	\$0.0056
		1,001—2,000	\$0.0216
		2,001—3,500	\$0.0266
		3,501-5,000	\$0.0302
		Over 5,000	\$0.0393

- B. Commercial, industrial, government, mixed use customers shall be charged a base rate and a volumetric charge for water used in a two-month billing cycle as follows:

Meter Type or Size	Two-Month Base Rate	Volume Charge	
		Volume Used (cf)	\$/cf
1-inch and under	\$45.25	No Minimum	\$0.0306
1.5-inch	\$90.49		
2-inch	\$144.79		
3-inch	\$271.46		
4-inch	\$452.46		
6-inch	\$904.89		
8-inch	\$1,447.83		
10-inch	\$5,203.15		
12-inch	\$9,727.62		

- C. Irrigation meters shall be charged a base rate and a volumetric charge for water used in a two-month billing cycle as follows:

Meter Type or Size	Two-Month Base Rate	Volume Charge	
		Volume Used (cf)	\$/cf
1-inch and under	\$45.25	No Minimum	\$0.0321
1.5-inch	\$90.49		
2-inch	\$144.79		
3-inch	\$271.46		
4-inch	\$452.46		
6-inch	\$904.89		
8-inch	\$1,447.83		
10-inch	\$5,203.15		
12-inch	\$9,727.62		

- D. Industrial customers using more than two hundred thousand cf per two-month billing cycle may request consideration by the city for a special contract under RMC 13.20.060. The rate shall be calculated on a case by case basis to be based on the actual cost of service. Negotiated rates, if approved, shall be approved via agreement between the industrial customer and the city.

(Ord. No. 1148, §§ 1—3, 1-23-2014; Ord. No. 1169, § 2(Exh. 1), 11-20-2014; Ord. No. 1248, § 2(Exh. A), 11-16-2017; Ord. No. 1278, § 2(Exh. A), 11-15-2018; Ord. No. 1298, 2(Exh. A), 11-21-2019; Ord. No. 1381, § 2(Exh. A), 11-17-2022)

13.35.020 Optional water rates for residential customers.

- A. The following monthly volumetric water charges shall be applicable to a two-month billing cycle for water customers that request the optional conservation rate.



Meter Type or Size	Volume Used (cf)	
	\$/cf	
1 inch and under	No Minimum	\$0.0512

- B. Customers under the optional water rate will not be charged a base rate.
 - C. Customers must notify the utility clerk between December 1 and December 31 should they wish to exercise the ability to change between standard water rates for metered customers as provided for in RMC 13.35.010 and optional water rates for residential customers as provided for in RMC 13.35.020 for the following year.
- (Ord. No. 1148, §§ 1—3, 1-23-2014; Ord. No. 1169, § 2(Exh. 1), 11-20-2014; Ord. No. 1248, § 2(Exh. A), 11-16-2017; Ord. No. 1278, § 2(Exh. A), 11-15-2018; Ord. No. 1298, 2(Exh. A), 11-21-2019; Ord. No. 1381, § 2(Exh. A), 11-17-2022)

13.35.030 Water rates for customers beyond corporate limits.

All consumers of water service, for services provided beyond the corporate limits, shall pay the two-month billing cycle rate for their classification plus a surcharge of fifty percent inclusive of base rate and volume charge.

(Ord. No. 1148, §§ 1—3, 1-23-2014; Ord. No. 1169, § 2(Exh. 1), 11-20-2014; Ord. No. 1381, § 2(Exh. A), 11-17-2022)

13.35.040 Multiple residential users on a single meter.

- A. Multiple dwelling units, including accessory dwelling units on a single water meter shall be charged the standard residential water rate for each dwelling unit plus the volume charge as outlined in RMC 13.35.010. The allowable volume used in each tier for multiple residential users on a single meter shall be those tiers shown in RMC 13.35.010 multiplied by the number of units.
- B. For billing purposes multiple users on a single meter must be handled through one account only.

(Ord. No. 1148, §§ 1—3, 1-23-2014; Ord. No. 1169, § 2(Exh. 1), 11-20-2014; Ord. No. 1381, § 2(Exh. A), 11-17-2022)

13.35.050 Low-income citizen water rate discount.

- A. A discount of twenty-five percent of water charges shall be applied to those customers who are approved as low-income customers as defined in this title. To be approved as a low-income customer, the customer must meet the following requirements:
 1. Have a household adjusted gross income of less than two hundred percent of the federal poverty guidelines.
 2. If a customer was approved as a low-income senior citizen by the city prior to January 31, 2014, the customer shall continue to be eligible for the credit for so long as the household adjusted gross income continues to meet the requirements of RCW 84.36.381(5).
- B. Any person desiring to be approved as a low-income customer shall submit an application on a form approved by the city and present the following documentation to staff:
 1. A valid driver's license or other documentation verifying residence.
 2. The applicant's most recently filed federal income tax form if taxes forms are filed

OR

A letter of non-filing from the Internal Revenue Service AND the applicant's current social security statement or alternative income statement.
- C. The city shall approve all customers who meet these criteria as low-income customers. The city's approval shall be effective for one year from the date of approval. Any customer desiring to continue status as a low-income customer must reapply. Failure to reapply will cause the status to lapse.
- D. The discount shall only be allowed from and after the date that the customer is approved for this rate. The city shall not be liable for the failure of any qualified person to make application for this discount and there shall be no entitlement to such discount in the absence of an application, therefore.

(Ord. No. 1374, § 2(Exh. A), 9-8-2022; Ord. No. 1381, § 2(Exh. A), 11-17-2022)

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 1374, § 2(Exh. A), adopted Sep. 8, 2022, amended § 13.35.050 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former § 13.35.050 pertained to low income citizen water rate credit and derived from Ord. No. 1148, §§ 1—3, adopted Jan. 23, 2014; and Ord. No. 1169, § 2(Exh. 1), adopted Nov. 20, 2014.