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CITY ORDINANCE

NUMBER 2015-7

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING POLICIES AND RATES
TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF BURKESVILLE, KENTUCKY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BURKESVILLE,
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY THAT:**

SECTION 1: For the purpose of this ordinance, "dwelling unit" shall mean any building or portion of a building designed to house a person or a family. A mobile home with plumbing pipes and/or fixtures is considered a dwelling unit.

SECTION 2: Connection Charges: Waterworks connection charge shall be made for connection to the Burkesville Municipal Waterworks systems as follows:

(a) All connection charges for any size meter shall be actual cost. Actual cost shall consist of the normal installation supplies, man-hours, backhoe, road bore and street repair if needed. The owner will not be charged for any repairs or supplies due to any damage caused by the Water Department personnel. The Water Superintendent shall furnish an estimate to the property owner, which must be paid before the installation begins, with balance due before the water meter can be put into service.

(b) All sewer connection charges shall be actual cost to the Burkesville sewer system.

SECTION 3: Monthly Water Rates. Water Rates for each meter serving a single dwelling unit or a single business location shall be as follows:

(a) WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BURKESVILLE

First	2,000 gallons	\$18.32 \$18.50 (minimum monthly charge)
Next	13,000 gallons	\$ 6.09 \$ 6.15 per 1000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	\$ 5.33 \$ 5.38 per 1000 gallons
Over	30,000 gallons	\$ 4.83 \$ 4.87 per 1000 gallons

(b) OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF BURKESVILLE

First	2,000 gallons	\$29.69 \$29.98(minimum monthly charge)
Next	3,000 gallons	\$ 7.42 \$ 7.49 per 1000 gallons
Next	5,000 gallons	\$ 5.97 \$ 6.02 per 1000 gallons
Over	10,000 gallons	\$ 3.68 \$ 3.71 per 1000 gallons

SECTION 4: The Cumberland County Water District shall be charged a flat rate of two dollars and twenty one cents (\$2.21) for each one thousand gallons of water.

SECTION 5: Monthly Sewer Rates. Monthly rate sewer service in the corporate limits of Burkesville will be based on the amount of water used each month as follows:

First	2,000 gallons	\$18.32 \$18.50 (minimum monthly charge)
Next	13,000 gallons	\$ 6.70 \$ 6.76 per 1000 gallons
Next	15,000 gallons	\$ 5.60 \$ 5.65 per 1000 gallons
Over	30,000 gallons	\$ 4.93 \$ 4.97 per 1000 gallons

SECTION 6: Annual Adjustment. Beginning each year after the adoption of this ordinance, Water and Sewer rates shall each have a 1% increase adjustment annually, starting in 2011.

SECTION 7: Meters Serving Two or More Dwelling Units. Normally, each dwelling unit will be provided water through a separate meter. In those cases where the Mayor authorizes more than one dwelling unit to be supplied with water through a single meter, monthly charges for water and sewer will be as follows:

(a) The party in whose name the single meter account is recorded will be charged for a number of minimum water rates equal to the number of dwelling units served by the meter, whether or not those dwelling units are occupied, and for this basic charge will be allowed a basic amount of water equal to 2,000 gallons the minimum bill. Water used in excess of the basic amount covered by the minimum rate charges will be charged at the same rate as for single residences.

(b) Sewer rates will be the same as water rates for each minimum rate charge paid.

SECTION 8: Policy on Adjusting Water and Sewer Bills.

(a) Detection and repair of water line leaks at any point beyond a property owner's water meter is the responsibility of the person in whose name the meter is recorded.

(b) Payment for all water passing through and recorded on a meter is the responsibility of the person in whose name the meter is recorded. This includes water lost because of leaks in privately owned water lines.

(c) In those cases where leaks have continued un-repaired for more than seven days through no fault of the water customer, the customer may apply to the mayor for suspension of sewer charges for the period during which leakage took place. The mayor may at his discretion suspend sewer charges for a period of no more than 30 days. Allowing only one adjustment in a twelve (12) month period.

(d) Water charges may not be suspended because of leaks in private water lines.

(e.) When a customer has a sewer blockage that can not be remedied by other professional means and at the superintendent's discretion, City personnel with jetter, rodder and sewer camera equipment may be utilized under extreme circumstances. The charge for this service will be \$100.00 for up to two hours of assistance. If the problem persists an additional \$100.00 will be charged for additional time in up to two hour increments each. If problem occurs or persists after regular working hours (4:00 p.m.) or on the weekend, the charge will be \$150.00 per two hour increments instead of \$100.00. The bill will be sent to the plumber for the payment.

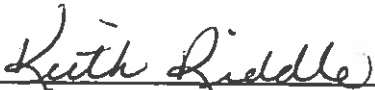
SECTION 9: Billing; Collections; Penalties. The rates or charges aforesaid shall be billed monthly, on statements, which shall be issued on or about the first of each month, and all bills for such service shall be considered due and payable ten days after the date of issue. If a bill is not paid within ten days after such date of issue, such bill shall be considered delinquent, and there shall be imposed a penalty on each bill not so paid, in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the charges (other than sales tax) shown on the face amount of such delinquent bill. The City shall serve a customer a written notice of his delinquency. If such bill is not paid within ten days after the mailing of such notice, the City shall disconnect the water service of such customer without further notice. If water service is disconnected by the City by reason of delinquency in the payment of any water bill, reconnection of such service shall not be made until the owner or user pays all charges and penalties owed, plus the amount of \$25.00 as a disconnection and reconnection charge. If any deadline date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, such deadline shall not expire until the next work day thereafter.

SECTION 10: If any Section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision, and such holdings shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

SECTION 11: City Ordinances 1995-5, 1995-8, 1996-7, 2000-7, 2003-1 2008-8, 2011-3 are hereby repealed.


SECTION 12: This Ordinance shall be effective after passage, approval and publication by law.

Enacted this 16th, day of July, 2015.



Keith Riddle, Mayor

Attest:



Brenda Spears, City Clerk