



City of Cambridge

In the Year One Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-Seven

AN ORDINANCE

In amendment to an Ordinance formerly entitled: "The General Ordinances of the City of Cambridge" as revised in 1972 and now designated as "The Code of the City of Cambridge."

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Cambridge as follows:

Chapter 19, entitled: "Water" is hereby amended by striking out that portion of Section 21 entitled: "Rates" and substituting in place thereof a new portion entitled: "Rates" which will read as follows:

Section 19-21. Rates.

There be and hereby is established an annual charge for the use of water furnished by the City of Cambridge Water Department to estates within the City.

(a) For the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 1977, and for each fiscal year thereafter, the City Manager shall recommend as a part of the annual budget submitted to the City Council, a just and equitable water use charge based on metered water consumption and/or other applicable standards for computation of water consumption as set forth herein. Said charge shall take into account all appropriate water related estimated revenues and available revenue surpluses, and shall produce sufficient revenue to equal or exceed the annual appropriations proposed for water department operation, maintenance and debt service. The City Council shall adopt the annual water use charge in conjunction with its adoption of the annual budget. In so doing, the City Council may increase or decrease the City Manager's recommended water use charge in proportion to any increase or decrease it may adopt in the City Manager's recommended appropriations for water department operation, maintenance and debt service.

(b) The quantity of water supplied by the City through a water meter in good working order shall be determined by the reading of such meter. If a meter malfunctions and fails to register, the consumer shall be charged at the average daily consumption as shown by the meter when in order.

(c) In no case shall the minimum annual charge for metered water under the provisions of this ordinance be less than Twenty (\$20.00) Dollars.

(d) The charges established by this ordinance shall be due and payable by the owner of record at such time or times and in such installments if any, as the Chief Superintendent from time to time determines, and if the same be not paid within thirty days after billing, the Chief Superintendent may shut off the supply, after sending a special notice that the water will be shut off for nonpayment, and shall not again be let on for the same occupant or owner, except upon the payment of the whole amount due, together with costs as determined by the Board. Said Superintendent shall, in his order of assessment, designate as the owner of a parcel assessed, the person who was liable to assessment therefore on the preceding January first.

(e) A monthly interest charge of one and one-half (1.5%) percent shall be assessed on the balance of any water bill remaining unpaid after thirty days from the date of billing.

(f) When water is required for purposes which are not specified in the foregoing tariff, the rates shall be fixed by the Chief Superintendent.

(g) The Board shall have the power to prevent the erection of yard hydrants, and water shall not be supplied to any water closets unless such water closets are constructed to conform to the plumbing ordinance.

(h) This ordinance is effective upon date of passage.

