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AN ORDINANCE

**Amending Sections of Title 7, Chapter 12 of the City Code
Relating to Water Service Connection Fees**

WHEREAS, the City of Evanston is a home-rule municipality pursuant to Article VII of the Illinois Constitution of 1970; and

WHEREAS, as a home rule unit of government, the City has the authority to adopt ordinances and to promulgate rules and regulations that protect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the City retained a consultant to study the City's population, projected growth, and ordinances, and recommend new and/or amended fees in order to better finance the construction of new infrastructure, including waterworks facilities; and

WHEREAS, at its June 23, 2008 meeting, the Administration and Public Works Committee reviewed the consultant's recommendations regarding an increase in the fees for new water service connections and recommended City Council approval thereof; and

WHEREAS, at its July 14, 2008 meeting, the City Council considered and adopted the recommendation of the Administration and Public Works Committee, and determined that it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of its residents to increase fees for such connections,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:**

SECTION 1: That Section 7-12-3 of Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, "Connection of Water Service", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

7-12-3: CONNECTION OF WATER SERVICE:

- (A) **Public Water Main Connection Required:** The water distribution of any building in which plumbing fixtures are installed shall be connected to a public water main. The drilling of wells for use as a potable or nonpotable water source, including for irrigation, is prohibited within the city.
- (B) **Water will not be connected to any house or private service pipe except upon the order of the City Manager, or his designees.** After the proper permits have been issued and all fees for construction work have been paid, the water will be connected by the Water and Sewer Division at the request of the property owner. Once the service tap is made, construction water to the property will be allowed for a limited time at the discretion of the City Manager, or his designees and will be billed at the rates listed in Section 7-12-17 until a water meter is installed.
- (C) **Private Supply And Service Pipes; Licensed Plumber To Do Work:** Where any building, structure or premises is located or situated remotely from any city water main and it is desired to introduce or have supplied water from the city waterworks system, the owner, occupant or person in possession, charge or control of such building, structure or premises may be permitted to make connection with the city water main upon making application in writing therefore to the City Manager, or his designees. Such application shall state fully and truly the purpose for which such connections are desired and the use to which such water is to be put. Such connections shall be made only under the following conditions:
1. For properties with multiple uses, each use type at a minimum shall be provided with its own private supply pipe for fire and domestic use.
 2. Each such private supply pipe and each service pipe or independent connecting pipe drawing water from such private supply pipe shall be equipped with a service valve located in a

buffalo or shut-off box purchased from or at the direction of the Water and Sewer Division and so located in a place as to be satisfactory to, and meet the approval of, the City Manager, or his designees.

3. Each such private pipe shall be monitored by a meter, and the meter shall be of a pattern and design and so located as to be satisfactory to and approved by the City Manager, or his designees.
4. All costs and expenses of laying such private supply pipes and making connections thereto and equipping the same with shut-off valves, boxes and meters shall be borne by the person making application for permission to lay such private supply pipe and without cost of any kind whatsoever to the City.

No private supply shall be laid or connection made thereto by any person other than a duly qualified and bonded plumber, provided that nothing contained in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit the doing of any work by the City through its officers and employees in the Water and Sewer Division and under the direction of the City Manager, or his designees.

- (D) Connection Fees: Permit fees for connection to water mains shall be as listed in Section 7-12-17. The property owner shall pay any such fees prior to the connection.

SECTION 2: That Section 7-12-17 of Evanston City Code of 1979, as amended, "Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties", is hereby further amended to read as follows:

7-12-17: CHARGES, RATES, FEES AND PENALTIES:

The fees and penalties for the waterworks system shall be paid according to the following table. Fees and penalties not covered by this table shall be as described in Section 1-4-1.

Waterworks System Charges, Rates, Fees and Penalties	
Construction Water Fee (prior to meter installation) Section 7-12-3(B)	\$100.00/ diametric inch/ month

Connection Fee	
Initial Connections:	
5/8 inch displacement	\$930.00
3/4 inch displacement	\$1,331.00
1 inch displacement	\$2,261.00
1 1/2 inch displacement	\$4,393.00
2 inch displacement, compound, or turbine	\$7,024.00
3 inch displacement	\$13,310.00
3 inch compound	\$14,197.00
3 inch turbine	\$15,923.00
4 inch displacement or compound	\$22,615.00
4 inch turbine	\$27,280.00
6 inch displacement or compound	\$43,936.00
6 inch turbine	\$54,483.00
8 inch compound	\$70,988.00
8 inch turbine	\$80,081.00
Upgrade Connections:	
The fee for upgrading to a larger connection shall equal the difference between the costs of the new, larger connection and the original connection.	
The fees collected for Initial Connections and Upgrade Connections shall be placed in a special account earmarked for the purpose of funding capital investment in new waterworks facilities.	
Replacement Connections:	
Services, .2" and smaller	\$100.00
Services, greater than 2"	\$100.00/ diametric inch
Section 7-12-3(D)	
Water Meter Installation Permit Fee Section 7-12-6-2(B)	\$50.00
Water Meter Transfer Fee Section 7-12-6-2(B)2	\$50.00

Meter Charges & Water Rates	Size	Charge
<p>Bi-monthly meter charge - The minimum service charge includes the first five hundred cubic feet (500 cu.ft.) of water consumed during the two (2)-month period for which the minimum service charge is assessed. Any fractional part of the calendar year less than two (2) months shall be prorated and the proper minimum service charge collected.</p> <p>Quantity rate charged for all water used during the period for which the minimum service charge is assessed, in excess of the first five hundred cubic feet (500 cu.ft.) of water that is included in the minimum service charge.</p> <p>Section 7-12-7-1</p>	$\frac{5}{8}$ " and $\frac{3}{4}$ "	\$5.40
	1"	\$10.80
	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	\$20.20
	2"	\$31.80
	3"	\$56.00
	4"	\$89.70
	6"	\$158.20
	8"	\$267.80
		\$1.52/100 cubic feet
Water Turn On Fee		
During business hours	\$25.00	
Outside of business hours	\$75.00	
Section 7-12-7-3		
Fire Service Semi-Annual Charge		
Section 7-12-8	\$20.00/ diametric inch/ 6 months	
Air Conditioning Device Annual Demand Charge		
(unless equipped with water conservation device)	\$20.00/ ton capacity over 5 tons	
Section 7-12-9-2(C)		
Unauthorized Water Turn On Penalty		
Services, 2" and smaller	Time and materials for repairs plus: \$100.00	
Services, greater than 2"	\$500.00	
Section 7-12-12		
Shut-Off for Property Vacancy Fee		
Section 7-12-13	\$50.00	
Lawn Sprinkling Restriction Violation Penalty		
Section 7-12-14-2(C)	\$25.00 - \$500.00 per day of violation	
Penalty For Tampering With City Waterworks System		
Section 7-12-15(A)	\$500.00 plus the estimated cost of water	
Penalty for Obstruction of Roundway, Service Box or Water Meter		
Section 7-12-15(B)	\$50.00	

Annual Cross Connection Control Fee Section 7-12-16-5	\$35.00/ device
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SECTION 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4: That if any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION 5: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in the manner provided by law.

Introduced: June 23, 2008 Approved: _____
 Adopted: July 14, 2008 July 17, 2008

 Lorraine H. Morton
 Lorraine H. Morton, Mayor

Attest:

 City Clerk

Approved as to form:

 Corporation Counsel