

ORDINANCE # 25

WATER WORKS SYSTEM RATES

An Ordinance Establishing Rates and Charges for the Service of the
Municipal Water Works System.

The Village Board of the Village of Cochrane do Ordain:

Section 1. From and after the completion of the water softening service in the Municipal Water Works System, effective for such service furnished after the first billing period thereafter, operated by the Village of Cochrane as a public utility, the rates and charges herein set forth shall be applicable to all services furnished and made available by said utility to the Village and its inhabitants and all other persons, firms and corporations, both public and private, until notified by ordinance amendatory hereof or supplemental hereto; provided that such rates and charges, as amended, shall always be fixed, maintained and collected in such amounts, subject to the rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, as shall produce gross revenues adequate to pay as incurred all costs of operation and maintenance of said utility and to accumulate an adequate reserve for depreciation thereof, and to pay when due the principal of and interest on all bonds of the Village which are payable from said revenues, and to maintain adequate reserve securing such principal and interest payments.

Section 2. Public Fire-protection Service—F-1. For public fire-protection service to the Village of Cochrane, the annual charge shall be \$1,558 to cover the use of mains and hydrants up to and including the terminal hydrant and connection on each line of main existing on January 1, 1955. For all subsequent extensions of fire-protection service, a charge of 10 cents a lineal foot of pipe shall be assessed per annum on the basis of the length of main put into use between hydrants placed, plus a fixed charge of \$14 net per hydrant set for each hydrant added to the system after January 1, 1955. This service shall include the use of hydrants for fire-protection service only and such quantities of water as may be demanded for the purpose of extinguishing fires only.

Section 3. Public Service—Mpa-1. Water service supplied city buildings, schools, etc., shall be metered and the regular sewers, street sprinkling, flooding rinks and pools, drinking fountains, or other intermittent use shall be meters, where meters can be set to measure the service. Where it is impossible to measure the service, the superintendent shall estimate the cubic feet of water used. The measured or estimated quantity so used shall be billed at the rate of 15 cents for each 100 cubic feet.

Section 4. Building and Construction Water Service—Mz-1. Metered service rate applies, schedule Mg-1.

Section 5. General Water Service—Metered—Mg-1. Minimum charge each quarter; service to be on an annual basis:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Quarterly Charge</u>
5/8 and 3/4-inch meter	\$4.50
1-inch meter	6.25
1-1/2-inch meter	10.00
2-inch meter	16.00
3-inch meter	29.00
4-inch meter	43.00

For each additional unit of service on one meter, add \$1.00 to above minimum charges.

First 600 cu. Ft. used each quarter - apply appropriate minimum charge
Next 1,900 cu. Ft. used each quarter - .50 per 100 cu. Ft.
Next 22,500 cu. Ft. used each quarter - .30 per 100 cu. Ft.
Next 25,000 cu. Ft. used each quarter - .15 per 100 cu. Ft.
Over 50,000 cu. Ft. used each quarter - .09 per 100 cu. Ft.

Billing rule: Bills for water service are rendered quarterly and become due and payable on the 1st of the month following the period for which service is rendered. A penalty of 5% will be added to any bill not paid within 20 days from date of bill. If bill is still unpaid 25 days from date due, the customer will be given written notice that the bill is delinquent and that unless payment or satisfactory arrangement for payment is made within the next 5 days, service will be discontinued without further notice.

Unit of service: A customer or unit of service shall consist of any aggregation of space or area occupied for a distinct purpose, such as a residence, apartment, flat, store, office, factory, which service is equipped with one or more water fixtures rendering water service separate and distinct from other users. Each unit of service shall be regarded as one consumer and the surcharge for additional consumers on a meter assessed accordingly.

Suites in houses or apartments where complete housekeeping functions, such as cooking, are not exercised, shall be classed as rooming houses. Thus houses and apartments having suites of one, two, or more rooms with toilet facilities, but without kitchen for cooking, are classed as rooming houses.

Where a consumer's premises have several buildings, each supplied with service and metered separately, each building will be billed separately, i.e., the readings will not be cumulated. If these buildings are all used in the same business and are connected by the consumer, they can be metered in one place. If the utility, for its own convenience, installs more than one meter, the readings will be cumulated for billing.

Section 6. General Water Service—Unmetered—Ug-1. In those rare cases where, because of conditions beyond the utility's control, meters cannot be installed and the estimated consumption is low, the superintendent may authorize flat-rate service, payable in advance at the following rate: ¾-inch service-- \$5.00 each quarter.

Section 7. Operating Rules—x-1. The standard water utility operating rules for small municipal water utilities and the standard main extension rule, where mains are normally laid at utility's expense, will be placed in the official file insofar as these rules are not in conflict with present practices.

Section 8. Bills for water service furnished and made available during each billing period shall be rendered to the owner or occupant of each premise at the end of the billing period applicable to such premise. Bills rendered to schools shall be due and payable on the 30th of June of each year, and bills for service to all other premises shall be due and payable on March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31 of each year. All water charges shall be collected and taxed and shall be a lien upon the property served, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes, Section 66.069 (1) (b). On the first day of January and the first day of July in each year the Village Clerk shall furnish the Treasurer with a list of all lots or parcels of real estate to which water service has been rendered and made available by the Village during the preceding six months and the amount, if any, due for the same. If such amount is not paid within ten (10) days thereafter a penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be added and the Treasurer shall proceed to collect the same with said penalty, together with five percent (5%) thereon for his fees. He shall have all the authority in collecting said tax vested in him for the real estate to which the service was furnished from the time said list is placed in the hands of said Treasurer, and all sums that have accrued during the preceding year and are not paid by the first day of November in any year shall be reported by the Treasurer to the Clerk, who shall insert the same in the tax roll as a delinquent tax against the property. All proceedings in respect to the collection return and sale of the property for delinquent taxes shall apply to said tax.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage and posting according to law.

/s/ Milton Rohrer
Village President

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Attest: /s/ Kermit A Spieth
Village Clerk