

ORDINANCE NO. 1703

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS, 2017 CHAPTER XV, ARTICLE 4: WATER, SECTIONS §15-401, §15-402, §15-403, §15-404, §15-405, §15-406, AND ADDING §15-407, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 1465 AND ORDINANCE NO. 1666.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLBY, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Code of the City of Colby, Kansas, 2017, Chapter XV, Article 4, Water, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Article 4: Water

Section

15-401	Monthly rates; metered service
15-402	Residential water service rates
15-403	Commercial water service rates
15-404	New water service
15-405	Temporary service and bulk water
15-406	Water service outside city limits
15-407	Meter corrections

15-401 MONTHLY RATES; METERED SERVICE.

Rates to be charged each billing month of approximately 30 days each for water sold by the city to customers and users of the same are hereby fixed and determined upon the basis of metered amounts of such service and shall be billed and paid at the rates hereby established.

(Ord. 1703, passed 12-02-2025)

15-402 RESIDENTIAL WATER SERVICE RATES.

The following schedule of rates shall be paid by all residential customers for water furnished by the city:

- a) Residential customers with one-inch or smaller service:
 - (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$23; and
 - (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- b) Residential customers with one and one-half-inch service:
 - (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$53; and

- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

c) Residential customers with two-inch service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$81; and
- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

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15-403 COMMERCIAL WATER SERVICE RATES.

The following schedule of rates shall be paid by all commercial customers for water furnished by the city:

a) Commercial customers with one-inch or smaller service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$28; and
- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

b) Commercial customers with one and one-half-inch service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$63; and
- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

c) Commercial customers with two-inch service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$97; and
- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

d) Commercial customers with three-inch service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$203; and
- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

e) Commercial customers with four-inch service:

- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$339; and

- (2) \$1.33 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
- (3) \$1.53 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
- (4) \$1.73 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

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15-404 NEW WATER SERVICE.

- a) The applicant for a new water service shall pay the following fees for each particular service. The fee shall include the tapping of the main, service installation (not to exceed 100 feet), shut off, meter box and meter; additional fees for boring street or drive to provide service shall be additional based on actual costs.
 - i. $\frac{3}{4}$ inch meter: \$850
 - ii. 1-inch meter: \$1,200
 - iii. 2-inch meter: \$3,550
- b) All services over two inches shall be actual cost, but not less than \$4,000
- c) In addition to the above schedule of fees for tapping the main, service and meter installation, the applicant for a new water service shall pay \$0.04 per square foot of property up to six acres (261,360 square feet) to defray the cost of water main installation. For property in excess of six acres, the City will figure the cost to the developer of extending the water main and will set the fee based upon the actual cost of construction; however, the minimum fee shall be the fee for six acres.
- d) The minimum fee based upon the square feet of property shall be \$500.
- e) If the water main and complete service installation are constructed under an assessment district, the property within that district will not be subject to the fees hereunder.
- f) All water main installation and all service materials installed shall be owned by and maintained by the city. This shall include the meter and meter box but not the service from the meter location to customer's building.
- g) The city may require an amount equal to the estimated cost for the main or service installation and shall be paid by the customer or the developer before the main or service work is started.

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15-405 TEMPORARY SERVICE & BULK WATER

Temporary Service

- a) Contractors or other persons having temporary need for water during the course of any building or other improvement shall apply to the water department for a temporary service connection and the water department may make such connection as may be necessary for temporary water service. If possible, water shall be supplied through a portable meter which shall be under the control of the water department. All temporary water service users shall pay to the city of making such temporary connection a monthly meter charge of \$28 and the cost of the water at \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons.
- b) Should the contractor or other persons not return the temporary meter provided by the water department, they shall be billed \$1,500 for the replacement value of the lost meter.

Bulk Water

- a) Bulk water from the city water dock and/or from a fire hydrant shall will be paid upon receipt of the distributed water at a rate of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons.

(Ord. 1703, passed 12-02-2025)

15-406 WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

Applications for water service outside of the city limits may be granted by approval of the City Council, provided further that, the city may at any time refuse services outside city limits. Fees charged for any water service granted outside the city limits shall be by the following schedule:

- a) Approved Residential customers outside city limits with one-inch or smaller service:
 - (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$46; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- b) Approved Residential customers outside city limits with one and one-half-inch service:
 - (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$106; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- c) Approved Residential customers outside city limits with two-inch service:
 - (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$162; and

- (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- d) Approved Commercial customers outside city limits with one-inch or small service:
- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$56; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- e) Approved Commercial customers outside city limits with one and one-half-inch meter service:
- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$126; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- f) Approved Commercial customers outside city limits with two-inch meter service:
- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$194; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- g) Approved Commercial customers outside city limits with three-inch meter service:
- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$406; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used
- h) Approved Commercial customers outside city limits with four-inch meter service:
- (1) Minimum billing, first 3,000 gallons: \$678; and
 - (2) \$2.10 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate up to 15,000 gallons
 - (3) \$2.30 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for the next 15,000 gallons
 - (4) \$2.50 per 1,000 gallons: usage rate for all additional gallons used

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15-407 METER CORRECTIONS

If any meter is found to vary in excess of two percent from 100 percent accuracy, the reading of the meter shall be corrected according to the percentage of inaccuracy found, but no correction shall extend beyond the date of the last regular monthly reading. Where service is rendered to the customer through a defective meter the charge for such service shall be based upon the estimated consumption. No allowances shall be made for water used, lost or wasted through leaks, carelessness, neglect or otherwise after the water has passed through the meter; provided that the city manager or designee shall be authorized to make adjustments where there has been a leak, after the customer has satisfactorily shown that the leak has been repaired; and provided that every customer shall have the right to appeal to the city for any meter reading or water bill which he may consider excessive, and the city may order an adjustment of such bill in accordance with the facts of each case.

(Ord. 1703, passed 12-02-2025)

SECTION 2. Amended. This Ordinance Amends Code Sections §15-401, §15-402, §15-403, §15-404, §15-405, §15-406, Adds §15-407.

SECTION 3. Repealer. This Ordinance Repeals Ordinance No. 1465 And Ordinance No. 1666.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official City newspaper. The water rates shall be in effect on utility bills dated February 1, 2026.

PASSED by the Governing Body and approved by the Mayor this 2nd day of December, 2025.

Lee Leiker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Joni L. Ketchum, City Clerk

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