

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF GARFIELD, WASHINGTON, amending Ordinance Nos. 257-N and 300-N, and Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.050, thereby Increasing water rates charged to customers of the municipal water service.

WHEREAS, the costs of providing municipal water service are steadily increasing each year, and the increased costs are largely beyond the control of the Town; and

WHEREAS, operation of the municipal water service is financed solely by fees charged to water service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council has determined that it would be prudent to adopt a mechanism to increase water rates on a regular basis to finance the steadily increasing cost of providing water service to municipal water service customers; and

WHEREAS, the Council has further determined that the increase necessary to maintain operation of the municipal water service would be equivalent to a 3% increase each year imposed biannually at the rate of 6% to reduce the Town's administrative costs and confusion typically associated with changing utility rates.

Now, therefore

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Garfield as follows:

Section 1. Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.050 and those portions of Ordinance Nos. 257-N and 300-N which are codified as Garfield Municipal Code §20.02.050 are hereby amended to read as follows:

"20.02.050 - Water Fee. Effective on and after January 1, 2009, municipal water customers shall pay the following rates each month for water service:

- 1. Garfield Public School Facility: A base rate of \$149.00 for the first 60,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied each month, and \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) in excess of the 60,000 gallon base up to 70,000 gallons; \$1.25 for**

each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 70,000 gallons during a given month.

2. Garfield Public School Yard: A base rate of \$1.00 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied during a given month.
3. Cemetery: A base rate of \$1.00 for each 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied during a given month.
4. For any water meter through which service is supplied to two housing units or customers: Each unit or customer shall be charged a base rate of \$22.50 for the first 5,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied through the meter each month. If more than 5,000 gallons are supplied during a given month, then for the month there shall be an additional charge of \$0.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of the 5,000 gallon base to 30,000 up to 70,000 gallons; and \$1.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 70,000 gallons. The cost of the excess shall be charged to the customer in whose name the meter is registered with the Town Clerk-Treasurer.
5. For any water meter through which service is supplied to more than two housing units or customers: The monthly base rate charge shall be \$22.50, plus an amount equal to \$11.25 for each unit or customer in excess of two. The amount of water to be supplied for the base charge shall be up to 5,000 gallons, plus an amount equal to 2,500 gallons for each unit or customer in excess of two units or customers supplied through the meter. If more than the base amount of water is supplied during a given month, there shall be an additional charge for the month of \$0.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of the 5,000 gallon base up to 30,000 gallons; \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 30,000 up to 70,000 gallons; and \$1.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 70,000 gallons. The cost of the excess shall be

charged to the customer in whose name the meter is registered with the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

6. For all other services to customers inside the Town limits: A base rate charge of \$22.50 for the first 5,000 gallons (or fraction thereof), and \$0.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of the 5,000 gallon base to 30,000 gallons; \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 30,000 up to 70,000 gallons; and \$1.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 70,000 gallons.

7. For all other services to customers outside the Town limits: A base rate charge of \$34.50 for the first 5,000 gallons (or fraction thereof), and \$0.75 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of the 5,000 gallon base to 30,000 gallons; \$1.00 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 30,000 up 70,000 gallons; and \$1.25 for each additional 1,000 gallons (or fraction thereof) supplied in excess of 70,000 gallons.

All charges for water service shall be due on the 1st day of the month following the month in which water was supplied, and shall be payable on or before the 10th day of such following month.

8. Beginning January 1, 2011, the base rate charged for each category of user as set forth in Subsections 1 through 7, above, shall increase 6% each biennium. For the purposes of computing the new base rate each biennium, the base rate shall include the base rate fixed as of January 1, 2009, plus any biannual increases applied since January 1, 2009 (e.g., the base rate increase for the biennium beginning January 1, 2013, shall be equal to 6% of the combined January 1, 2009, base rate and the 6% increase applied for the biennium beginning January 1, 2011)."

Section 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect five days after it or a summary thereof, is published in the official newspaper of the Town of Garfield, or January 1, 2009, whichever date is later.

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Garfield at its regular meeting on _____, 2008.

Jarrod Pfaff, Mayor

Attest: _____
Annie Pillers, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved as to form:

Stephen Bishop,
Town Attorney

Passed: _____

Published: _____

Effective date: _____