

TITLE III - COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

ARTICLE VI  
WATER RATES AND CHARGES

3-6.1(A) WATER RATES. Each customer shall pay a monthly water bill for the use of and for the service supplied by the City of Salem Municipal Water System based upon the monthly meter readings of the amount consumed by each customer, as follows:

a. First 3,000 gallons or lessor amount per month - \$18.00 per month (minimum monthly bill);

b. All over 3,000 gallons per month - \$4.00 per each 1,000 gallons or any part thereof;

(Ordinance No. 1996-4, passed August 13, 1996)

c. However, any customer whose property is required to be connected to the City's public water under Section 3-4.3 of Article IV of Title III of the City Code shall pay the monthly minimum bill.

(Ordinance No. 2004-1, passed November 4, 2004.

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- 3-6.1(B) Except for water sold to the City of Hillsboro, Iowa, water service shall be provided any consumer located outside the corporate limits of the municipality, which the municipality has agreed to serve, at the above rates. However, no such consumer shall be served unless he has signed a service contract agreeing to be bound by the ordinances, rules, and regulations applying to water service furnished by the municipality.
- 3-6.1(C) Water shall be sold to the City of Hillsboro, Iowa, at the rate established in a Water Purchase Agreement between the Cities of Salem and Hillsboro, Iowa, as amended, or hereinafter amended.
- 3-6.1(D) Special terms, conditions, and rates may be made where water is used by the municipality or community for public purposes, such as for fire protection, public parks, etc.
- 3-6.1(E) A re-connection fee of \$10.00 shall be charged before service is restored to a delinquent consumer where service has been cut off. A fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for the usual or customary trips in the regular changes in the occupancies of property or for the temporary discontinuance of service at the request of the consumer.
- 3-6.2 Bills for the rates and charges as herein established shall be sent monthly. All bills shall be payable on the first day of the month following the reading of the meters and shall be paid at the office of the Clerk. If any charge for the services of the system shall not be paid by the 10th day of the month in which it shall become due and payable, a delayed payment charge of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bill shall be added thereto and collected therewith. If any bills for the service of the water system shall remain unpaid after 10 days following the rendition of the bill therefor, the water



supply for the lot, parcel of land, or premiseaffected shall be cut off and shall not be turned on again except on payment in full of the delinquent charges therefor, and the re-connection fee.

- 3-6.3 Applications for water service shall be filed with the Council upon a form to be supplied by the Municipality. The application shall state the name of the applicant and the premises to be served.  
(NOTE: An application fee was repealed by Ordinance No. 1989-3, passed August 1, 1989. See 3-6.9 of City Code.)
- 3-6.4 The owner of the premises served and the occupant thereof and the user of the water shall be joint and severally liable for the water service provided said premises. A deposit of \$60.00 shall be required from all tenants. Such deposit shall be applied to any bill for water service delinquent more than thirty (30) days. Upon the disconnection of the water service, any balance of such deposit shall be returned to the applicant without interest.
- (Ordinance No. 1984-2, passed August 7, 1984)
- 3-6.5 It is hereby made the duty of the Council to render bills for water service and all other charges in connection therewith and to collect all moneys due therefrom.
- 3-6.6 All revenues and moneys derived from the operations of the water system shall be paid to and held by the Municipality separate and apart from all other funds of the Municipality and all of said sums and all other funds and moneys incident to the operation of said system, as may be delivered to the Municipality, shall be deposited in a separate fund designated the "Waterworks Fund Account" and said Council shall administer said fund in every respect in a manner provided by the Code of Iowa and all other laws pertaining thereto.
- 3-6.7 The Municipality shall establish a proper system of accounts and shall keep proper records, books and accounts in which complete and correct entries shall be made of all transactions relative to the water system and at regular annual intervals the Council shall cause to be made an audit by an independent audit concern of the books to show the receipts and disbursements of the water system.

(Ordinance No. 1983-3, passed November, 1, 1983, as amended by Ordinance No. 1984-2, passed August 7, 1984, as amended by Ordinance No. 1984-5, passed December 4, 1984;  
Ordinance No. 1983-3 repealed prior provisions of Article VI;  
Ordinance No. 1984-2 amended 3-6.4; Ordinance No. 1984-5 amended 3-6.1(A).)

(See over and following page for rates in existence prior to amendments.)



Ordinance No. 1982-2 passed July 6, 1982, set the following rates:

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| First 4,000 gal or lesser amount per month               | \$11.50 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| Next 2,000 gal.  | \$2.25 per 1,000 gal.                       |
| Next 4,000 gal.  | \$2.00 per 1,000 gal.                       |
| All over 10,000 gal.                                     | \$1.80 per 1,000 gal.                       |
| Retail sales of water shall be at \$3.00 per 1,000 gal.) |   |

Ordinance No. 1983-3 passed November 4, 1982, set the following rates:

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| First 2000 gal. or lessor amount per month | \$12.00 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| All over 2000 gal. per month               | \$3.00 per 1000 gal.                        |

Ordinance No. 1984-1 passed February 7, 1984, set the following rates:

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| First 2000 gal. or lesser amount per month | \$12.00 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| Next 8000 gal. per month                   | \$ 3.00 per 1000 gal.                       |
| All over 10,000 gal. per month             | \$ 1.00 per 1000 gal.                       |

The rates which were in effect prior to Ordinance No. 1982-2 were as follows:

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| First 4,000 gal or lesser amount per month | \$11.50 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| Next 2,000 gal.                            | \$1.00 per 1,000 gal.                       |
| Next 4,000 gal.                            | \$.75 per 1,000 gal.                        |
| Next 90,000 gal.                           | \$.60 per 1,000 gal.                        |
| All over 100,000 gal per month             | \$.45 per 1,000 gal.                        |

Ordinance No. 1984-5, passed December 4, 1984, set the following rates:

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| First 2,000 gal. or lesser<br>amount per month | \$12.00 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| Next 8,000 gal. per month                      | \$3.00 per 1,000 gal.                       |
| All over 10,000 gal. per<br>month              | \$1.23 per 1,000 gal.                       |

Ordinance No. 1992-4, passed May 5, 1992, set the following rates:

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| First 2,000 gal. or lesser<br>amount per month | \$12.00 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill) |
| Next 8,000 gal. per month                      | 0.33¢ per each one<br>hundred gallons       |
| All over 10,000 gal. per<br>month              | 0.22¢ per each one<br>hundred gallons       |

Ordinance No. 1996-4, passed August 13, 1996, set the following rates:

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| First 3,000 gal. or lesser<br>amount per month | \$18.00 per month<br>(minimum monthly bill)          |
| All over 3,000 gal. per<br>month               | \$4.00 per each 1,000<br>gallons or any part thereof |



### 3-6.8 UNTREATED WATER FOR AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

#### A. RULES.

1. Untreated water taken directly from the well at the pump house located in central park in the City of Salem, shall be used only for agricultural purposes.
2. Any person who takes untreated water shall be required to enter the number of gallons actually pumped in the record book that the City provides for that purpose, along with their name and address. Any person taking such water agrees to pay to the City for the water so taken at the rate established herein.
3. Periodically the City shall send bills to all persons who have taken untreated water for agricultural purposes. All such bills shall be due and payable at the time that said bill is sent and shall be paid at the office of the City Clerk. If any bill shall not be paid by the 10th day after said bill is due, a delayed payment charge of ten percent (10%) of the bill shall be added thereto and collected therewith. Failure to pay any bill shall result in the denial of the right to take any more untreated water.

#### B. RATE.

Upon the effective date of this Ordinance a rate of \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons of untreated water taken directly from the well at the pump house and to be used for agricultural purposes is hereby established.

#### C. CITY'S OBLIGATION TO FURNISH.

Nothing herein shall obligate the City of Salem, Iowa, to furnish untreated water to anyone. The City shall have the right to curtail and/or control and/or terminate the right of anyone to take such untreated water from the well at the pump house. The City shall further have the right to prohibit anyone who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance from taking such untreated water.

Ordinance 1989-1, Passed March 20, 1989.

### 3-6.9 FEE FOR HOOKUP/TAPPING TO WATER SYSTEM AND SEWER SYSTEM.

Any person, firm, or corporation desiring water service or required to be on the public sewer shall pay to the City of Salem, Iowa, when hookup or the tap is made, the actual cost that the City incurs in making such hookup or tap.

(Ordinance No. 1989-3, passed August 1, 1989)