



ORDINANCE NO. 28967

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to the Public Utilities Department, Water Division,
2 (d.b.a. Tacoma Water); amending Chapter 12.10 of the Municipal Code,
3 “Water - Regulations and Rates,” by amending Section 12.10.400, entitled
4 “Rates - inside and outside City limits”, effective July 1, 2024.

5 WHEREAS the City of Tacoma, Department of Public Utilities, Water
6 Division (“Tacoma Water”), has requested proposed changes to Chapter 10
7 (“Water Regulations and Rates”) in Title 12 (“Utilities”) of the Tacoma Municipal
8 Code (“TMC”), to insert an additional meter size to the domestic ready-to-serve
9 rate schedule and would become effective July 1, 2024, and

10 WHEREAS beginning 2019, Tacoma Water and WestRock CP, LLC
11 (“WestRock”) began a one-year renewal cycle for contracted water service,
12 which was a departure from the previous agreement of five-year terms, and

13 WHEREAS on August 1, 2023, WestRock announced the closure of its
14 Tacoma paper mill, beginning September 30 of the same year, and as a result
15 of the announced closure, Tacoma Water and WestRock did not pursue
16 contract negotiations with the understanding that the existing contract would
17 expire on July 31, 2024, and

18 WHEREAS, as the WestRock wind-down and closure has progressed, it
19 is becoming increasingly likely that the pulp mill site will continue to have an
20 active meter with a need for domestic water service beyond the expiration of the
21 existing contract and there is currently no mechanism by which Tacoma Water
22 can bill for the 20” meter that the site utilizes after July 31, 2024, and
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WHEREAS the requested changes are for additions to the domestic ready-to-serve rate schedule and would become effective July 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS the proposed additions to TMC 12.10 would ensure continuity of billing if WestRock does not pursue the installation of a smaller meter;

WHEREAS the Public Utility Board passed Resolution U-11454 on April 24, 2024, approving the proposed changes to Chapter 10 of Title 12 of the TMC set forth in Exhibit "A" and requesting that the Council approve the same; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That Chapter 12.10 of the Tacoma Municipal Code ("TMC"), "Water - Regulations and Rates," is hereby amended, to include the modifications to TMC 12.10.400, effective July 1, 2024, to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

Section 2. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not



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limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed _____

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Chief Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 12.10
WATER – REGULATIONS AND RATES

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12.10.400 Rates – Inside and outside City limits.

The standard charge for water supplied inside and outside the City for residential, and commercial/industrial use shall consist of a customer charge, also termed a "monthly ready to serve charge," based on the meter size together with the rate for the quantity of water used, and public fire protection fees, where applicable. The standard charge for wholesale shall consist of a monthly ready to serve charge based on contracted peak capacity together with a rate for the quantity of water used.

For water supplied to a single premises which contains multiple dwelling units, i.e., two or more houses under the same ownership, duplexes, apartment buildings, condominiums, mobile home parks, trailer courts, industrial buildings, etc., the monthly charges will be the same as indicated above.

When water is being supplied to an existing multiple premises, i.e., two or more separate premises being served by one service and meter, the "monthly ready to serve charge" will be based on either the existing meter size or on a 5/8-inch meter size for each premises served, whichever is the greater charge.

When more than one service supplies a premises, the consumption of water for each meter shall be computed separately.

A. Standard charges:

1. The monthly ready to serve charge shall be calculated on a monthly basis, invoiced, and collected pursuant to the applicable customer service policies in accordance with the following schedule for residential, commercial/industrial, and commercial/industrial large volume.

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Residential, Commercial & Large Volume - Ready to Serve Charge						
Meter Size (Inches)	Inside City of Tacoma		Outside City of Tacoma		City of University Place	
	Rate Effective Dates					
	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	1/1/2023	1/1/2024	1/1/2023	1/1/2024
5/8	\$26.68	\$28.95	\$32.28	\$34.94	\$34.67	\$37.53
3/4	\$38.55	\$41.92	\$46.52	\$50.51	\$49.97	\$54.24
1	\$62.29	\$67.84	\$75.01	\$81.62	\$80.57	\$87.66
1.5	\$121.64	\$132.65	\$146.23	\$159.38	\$157.06	\$171.19
2	\$192.86	\$210.42	\$231.69	\$252.70	\$248.86	\$271.44
3	\$359.04	\$391.89	\$431.11	\$470.47	\$463.05	\$505.33
4	\$596.44	\$651.14	\$715.99	\$781.57	\$769.04	\$839.49
6	\$1,189.94	\$1,299.25	\$1,428.19	\$1,559.30	\$1,534.02	\$1,674.84
8	\$1,902.14	\$2,076.98	\$2,282.83	\$2,492.58	\$2,451.99	\$2,677.29
10	\$2,733.04	\$2,984.34	\$3,279.91	\$3,581.41	\$3,522.95	\$3,846.80
12	\$4,009.07	\$4,377.79	\$4,811.15	\$5,253.55	\$5,167.65	\$5,642.84
<u>20*</u>		<u>\$15,561.02</u>		<u>\$18,673.22</u>		<u>\$20,056.60</u>
* Customers who elect to receive service from the City through a 20" meter are subject to a minimum daily flow rate equivalent to 0.30 MGD, calculated monthly and assessed at the applicable Large Volume rate.						

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