

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 6819

AN ORDINANCE establishing revised charges for water service, water consumption, and water standby capacity for private fire protection for the Water Utility for the City of Bellevue; repealing Ordinance No. 6693; providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the Environmental Services Commission has reviewed the Water Utility budget and rate proposal, held a public hearing thereon and recommended approval of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to provide for the following schedule of revised charges for water service, water consumption and water standby capacity for the Water Utility of the City of Bellevue; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Charges Established. The charges set forth herein for water service, water consumption, and water standby capacity for private fire protection are hereby established and shall be collected from each user of water services provided by the Water Utility of the City of Bellevue.

Section 2. Meter Service Charges.

A. Meter Service Charges – General. The meter service charges per bimonthly billing period for each user of water service shall be as follows:

<u>Domestic Meter Size</u>	<u>Bimonthly Service Charge Per Meter in Operation</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$64.08	\$67.22
1"	\$113.40	\$118.96
1½"	\$191.82	\$201.22
2"	\$294.82	\$309.27
3"	\$644.07	\$675.63
4"	\$948.91	\$995.41
6"	\$1,776.20	\$1,863.23
8"	\$2,763.20	\$2,898.60
10"	\$3,880.94	\$4,071.11

B. Residential Combo Meters - Oversized domestic meters required in designated residential structures to provide fire sprinkler capability.

<u>Combo Meter Size</u>	<u>Bimonthly Service Charge Per Meter in Operation</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
1"	\$68.73	\$72.10
1½"	\$75.65	\$79.36
2"	\$105.91	\$111.10

C. Irrigation meters - City-owned meters that are used for measuring water used strictly for outside irrigation.

<u>Irrigation Meter Size</u>	<u>Bimonthly Service Charge Per Meter in Operation</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8" or ¾"	\$64.08	\$67.22
1"	\$113.40	\$118.96
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Section 3. Water Consumption Charges. The water consumption charges per bimonthly billing period for each user of water service shall be as follows:

A. Single Family Residential

<u>Cubic Feet Consumed</u>	<u>Charge Per Hundred Cubic Feet of Water</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
0 to 1,100	\$5.02	\$5.27
1,101 to 1,700	\$6.39	\$6.70
1,701 to 4,500	\$8.37	\$8.78
4,501 and over	\$11.96	\$12.55

B. Multifamily Residential Structure or Facility

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Charge Per Hundred Cubic Feet of Water</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
All non-summer consumption	\$6.31	\$6.62
All summer consumption	\$8.63	\$9.05

Where summer consumption is defined in Subsection 1 below.

1. For purposes of these charges, summer consumption shall mean that volume recorded on two normal bimonthly meter readings during the months of July through October or readings during this period for other billing purposes, such as, but not limited to, customer changes.

For purposes of these charges, a "multifamily residential structure or facility" shall mean any residential structure or facility containing two or more dwelling units, including, but not limited to, duplexes, triplexes, apartment buildings, condominiums, and parcels containing two or more separate dwelling units served through a single meter, but shall not include hotels, motels or trailer parks. Mixed use structures that include both multi-family dwelling units and commercial non-residential units and that are served by one water meter shall be billed as multi-family.

C. Non-Residential

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Charge Per Hundred Cubic Feet of Water</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
All non-summer consumption	\$6.35	\$6.66
All summer consumption	\$8.67	\$9.09

Where summer consumption is defined in Subsection 1 below.

1. For purposes of these charges, summer consumption shall mean that volume recorded on two normal bimonthly meter readings during the months of July through October or readings during this period for other billing purposes, such as, but not limited to, customer changes.

D. Irrigation Water Consumption.

For volumes measured by irrigation meters or other meter arrangements that can be used for measuring water used strictly for outside irrigation.

<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Charge Per Hundred Cubic Feet of Water</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
All irrigation consumption	\$11.77	\$12.35

Section 4. Service Charges for Water Standby Capacity for Private Fire Protection. The service charges for water standby capacity for private fire protection per bimonthly billing period shall be as follows:

<u>Line Size</u>	<u>Bimonthly Service Charge</u>	
	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
5/8" or 3/4"	\$35.08	\$36.80
1"	\$40.73	\$42.73
1½"	\$46.56	\$48.84
2"	\$62.47	\$65.53
3"	\$179.42	\$188.21
4"	\$222.74	\$233.65
6"	\$323.88	\$339.75
8"	\$439.34	\$460.87
10"	\$540.47	\$566.95

Section 5. User Charges. The charges for each water service user shall be the sum of the meter service charge in Section 2 plus the appropriate water service charge or charges in Section 3 plus the water standby capacity charges in Section 4, all multiplied by the percentage indicated below for that city or town:

<u>City or Town</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Bellevue	112.2974%
Clyde Hill	127.3565%
Hunts Point	121.6470%
Medina	127.3565%
Yarrow Point	119.3538%
Kirkland	112.2974%
Issaquah	112.2974%
Unincorporated King County	112.2974%

provided that the percentages set forth above may be administratively adjusted by the Utilities Department Director to reflect any increase or decrease in any franchise fee required to be paid to such city or town by the Utility.

Section 6. The Utilities Department Director shall have authority under this ordinance to adopt procedures necessary for the efficient and equitable administration of the water rate structure.

Section 7. Severability. If any section of this ordinance or any portion of any section of this ordinance, or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the ordinance or the application of the provision to other persons and circumstances, shall not be affected.

Section 8. Repeal. Ordinance No. 6693 is repealed effective January 1, 2025 provided, however, that any charges made for water service under Ordinance No. 6693 is not invalidated by the repeal of that ordinance.

Section 9. Effective Date. Sections 1-8 of this ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2025, shall apply to service provided on and after that date and shall supersede all existing schedules of charges as of that date. The specific water service charges for 2025 shall take effect on January 1, 2025 and shall remain in effect through and including December 31, 2025. The specific water charges for 2026, as hereinbefore indicated, shall take effect on January 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect until amended by the City Council.

Section 10. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five days after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2024, and signed in authentication of its passage this _____ day of _____, 2024.

(SEAL)

Lynne Robinson, Mayor

Approved as to form:

Trisna Tanus, Acting City Attorney

Brian Wendt, Assistant City Attorney

Attest:

Charmaine Arredondo, City Clerk

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