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**Council Bill Number:** 113600

**Ordinance Number:** 120308

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AN ORDINANCE relating to wholesale water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges and terms and conditions for service, and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.04 in connection therewith.

**Status:** Passed

**Note:** NON-CONFORMITY ORDINANCE

**Vote:** 9-0

**Date filed with the City Clerk:** 2001/04/11

**Date of Mayor's signature:** 2001/04/03 ([about the signature date](#))

**Date introduced/referred to committee:** 2001/03/19

**Committee:** Water Resources, Solid Waste and Public Health

**Sponsor:** PAGELER

**Committee Recommendation:** Pass

**Index Terms:** UTILITY-RATES, SEATTLE-PUBLIC-UTILITIES, WATER-SUPPLY

**Electronic Copy:** [PDF scan of Ordinance No. 120308](#)

**Reference:** Amending: Ord 65877, 119769

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**Text:**

ORDINANCE \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE relating to wholesale water services of Seattle Public Utilities; revising water rates and charges and terms and conditions for service, and amending Seattle Municipal Code Chapter 21.04 in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, capital requirements and operating costs have increased in recent years in response to rehabilitation and repair needs, regulatory requirements, and environmental concerns; and

WHEREAS, as specified in the Water Purveyor Contract between Seattle and individual purveyors, Seattle Public Utilities has provided purveyors with advance notification that a rate increase was planned for 2001; and

WHEREAS, as specified in the Water Purveyor Contract between Seattle and individual purveyors, Seattle Public Utilities has transmitted to purveyors for their review a cost of service study, reviewed by an independent consultant, which allocates a share of the water system costs to wholesale customers;

WHEREAS, current wholesale rates do not fully recover the anticipated costs of serving wholesale customers in the 2001 and 2002 period; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 28553, adopted July 6, 1992, established general ratemaking policies for water rates; and

WHEREAS, the water rates authorized by this ordinance are consistent with policies set forth in Resolution 28553,  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Subsection E of Seattle Municipal Code Section 21.04.440, Ordinance 65877, as last amended by Ordinance 119769, is amended as follows:

SMC 21.04.440 Rates outside City.

E. Wholesale Customers. The rate to be charged to municipal water districts, other municipalities, and nonprofit water associations being served prior to January 1, 1970, authorized to and engaging in the distribution of water under the laws of the state, and where such districts, municipalities, and associations, operate, maintain and distribute water for resale purposes through a master meter furnished by the City, shall be based on a commodity charge and a base service charge, as follows:

Effective December 31, 1999:

Commodity Charge Per 100 Cubic Feet

Summer (mid-May -- mid-September)

All usage \$1.12

Winter (mid-September -- mid-May)

All usage 0.73

In addition, from January 1st through December 31st, each one hundred (100) cubic feet of consumption in excess of the average amount of water supplied to the wholesale customer for a corresponding period of time in the three (3) year base period between January 1, 1979 and December 31, 1981 shall be charged at \$0.46.

Base Service Charge

Meter Size Monthly Charge

1 inch \$45.00

1 1/2 inch 50.00

2 inch 55.00

3 inch 65.00

4 inch 90.00

6 inch 160.00

8 inch 250.00

10 inch 375.00

12 inch 440.00

16 inch 580.00

20 inch 790.00

24 inch 1,030.00

Effective May 16, 2001:

Commodity Charge Per 100 Cubic Feet

Summer (mid-May -- mid-September)

All usage \$1.17

Winter (mid-September -- mid-May)

All usage 0.77

In addition, from January 1st through December 31st, each one hundred (100) cubic feet of consumption in excess of the average amount of water supplied to the wholesale customer for a corresponding period of time in the three (3) year base period between January 1, 1979 and December 31, 1981 shall be charged at \$0.63.

Base Service Charge

Meter Size Monthly Charge

1 inch \$54.00

1 1/2 inch 60.00

2 inch 66.00

3 inch 78.00

4 inch 108.00

6 inch 192.00

8 inch 300.00

10 inch 450.00

12 inch 528.00

16 inch 696.00

20 inch 948.00

24 inch 1,236.00

Effective January 1, 2002:

Commodity Charge Per 100 Cubic Feet

Summer (mid-May -- mid-September)

All usage \$1.19

Winter (mid-September -- mid-May)

All usage 0.77

In addition, from January 1st through December 31st, each one hundred (100) cubic feet of consumption in excess of the average amount of water supplied to the wholesale customer for a corresponding period of time in the three (3) year base period between January 1, 1979 and December 31, 1981 shall be charged at \$0.68.

Base Service Charge

Meter Size Monthly Charge

1 inch \$54.00

1 1/2 inch 60.00

2 inch 66.00

3 inch 78.00

4 inch 108.00

6 inch 192.00

8 inch 300.00

10 inch 450.00

12 inch 528.00

16 inch 696.00

20 inch 948.00

24 inch 1,236.00

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from and after its approval by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten (10) days after presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

Passed by the City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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President of the City Council

Approved by me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2001.

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Paul Schell, Mayor

Filed by me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

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City Clerk

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