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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Manier and City Council
FROM: Joanie Baxter, Controller *JB*
DATE: April 12, 2019
SUBJECT: Water Deposit and Restoration Fee Increases

The Finance and Personnel Committee reviewed the fees for water deposits and restoration charges and are recommending increases. These current fees have been in place for over 10 years and need to be increased to reflect current labor and equipment costs and user rates.

The **current water deposit is \$100 and is recommended to increase to \$125** effective with new deposits as of June 1, 2019. The **current restoration fee is \$50 with an after-hours fee of \$100 charged if requested after 3:00 p.m. The fee is proposed to increase to \$75 with an after-hours fee of \$150.** After hours is clarified in the Code as between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. when Public Works crew are called in with overtime, and there are no restorations made after 5:00 p.m. This would become effective upon approval and publication and thus would be in effect for service restorations occurring in May.

First Reading of the Ordinance to increase the fees is scheduled for April 15, 2019 with Second Reading on May 6, 2019.

C: Ray Forsythe, City Administrator
Municipal Services

ORDINANCE NO. _____

Synopsis: Adoption of this ordinance would increase the water account deposit from \$100 to \$125 and increase the restoration fee for a water service that has been shut off from \$50 to \$75 during hours and from \$100 to \$150 after hours.

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS BY AMENDING SECTION 50.51 ENTITLED "DEPOSITS"
AND 50.55 ENTITLED "FAILURE TO PAY CHARGES; PROCEEDINGS"**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
WASHINGTON, TAZEWELL COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:**

Section 1. That § 50.51(A) of Chapter 50 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled "Deposits" is hereby amended by deleting § 50.51(A) in its entirety and substituting the following hereafter:

§ 50.51 DEPOSITS

- (A) At the time of paying the permit fee or when otherwise making application for water and/or sewer service, the user shall pay to the city a deposit, which shall be retained by the city as a guarantee that the premises shall not be vacated leaving any unpaid charges for water, sewer, or combined water and sewer service. In the event that the premises are so vacated, the city shall have the right to apply said deposit toward any such unpaid charges, and if any charges remain unpaid, shall have all the rights given to the city under the provisions of this chapter. The amount of the deposit fee shall be ~~\$100.00~~ \$125.00 for all deposits made and received on or after ~~January 1, 2010~~ June 1, 2019.

Section 2. That § 50.55(D) of Chapter 50 of the Washington Municipal Code of Ordinances entitled "Failure To Pay Charges; Proceedings" is hereby amended by deleting § 50.55(D) in its entirety and substituting the following hereafter:

§ 50.55 FAILURE TO PAY CHARGES; PROCEEDINGS

- (D) Once turned off, water services shall not be restored until all delinquencies, damages, charges and restoration fees for turning the water off and on are paid in full or satisfactory arrangements have been made for the payment thereof. Said restoration fee shall be ~~\$50.00~~ \$75.00 provided restoration occurs between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday, excluding city designated holidays, or ~~\$100.00~~ \$150.00 if restoration occurs between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. ~~at any other times (after hours).~~ Restoration shall not occur after 5:00 p.m. ~~The after hour's restoration fee shall automatically increase on May 1, 2011, and annually on May 1st thereafter, by three and one half percent (3.5%) or the rate of inflation, whichever is greater, and rounded to the nearest five dollar (\$5.00) increment. The rate of inflation shall be calculated annually on November 1 using the most recent twelve (12) month period as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI).~~

Section 3. That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Section 4. That all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 2019.

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk