APPENDIX 3-6

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Chapter 8.29 - WATER SHORTAGE RESPONSE

Editor's note—

Ord. No. 2797, § 1, passed March 2, 2009, adopted a new Ch. 8.29 as set out herein. The former Ch. 8.29, §§ 8.29.010—8.29.070, pertained to similar subject matter and derived from Ord. 2583, § 1 (part), 2002.

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8.29.010 - Purpose.

It is in the public interest to provide a plan of action by the city and its water customers, to respond to water supply shortage events, including, but not limited to, Skagit River levels that are below the minimum instream flow levels established by the Department of Ecology. In the case of low river levels, the goal is to reduce the possible impact the city's diversions may have on the recommended instream flows for the lower Skagit River. To accomplish this declared purpose, the city reserves the right to exercise its police powers through emergency measures as set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

8.29.020 - Authority.

The mayor and city council, when necessary for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, shall have the authority to declare various stages of water emergencies and to implement the measures set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

8.29.030 - Definitions.

For the purposes of this chapter, the following shall mean:

"Commercial/industrial customers" includes, but is not limited to, manufacturing, food processing, restaurant, sales, service, and farm operations.

"Discretionary water use" means water use which is not required for business operations or for general health and safety of the user or the public; usually pertains to outside water use during warmer periods of the year (lawn/flower watering, car washing, washing driveways/sidewalks, etc.).

"Governmental customers" means governmental entities, including, but not limited to: water-related and other city facility operations in the case of the city; water related facility operations in the case of the PUD; gaming and other fund-raising operations in the case of the Tribes; schools, parks, administrative operations in the case of other governmental agencies.
"Irrigation use" means the application of water to promote botanical development, whether at a residence or a commercial business.

"Public service announcement (PSA)" means a media advertisement intended to inform the public in general, whether through television, newspaper, or radio mediums.

"Wholesale customer" means a customer who resells water for commercial/industrial or residential use.

[The term] "cfs" means cubic feet per second (a flow rate).

"Residential customer" means single-family or multifamily domestic water users.

"PUD" means the Public Utility District No. 1 of Skagit County.

"Instream flow" means the stream flow level established by the Department of Ecology by rule, to be the flow needed to protect and preserve instream resources and values, such as fish, wildlife, and recreation.


(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

| 8.29.040 - Triggering criteria. |

The public works department will monitor the height and flow of the Skagit River utilizing U.S. Geological Survey Gaging Station No. 12200500 near Mt. Vernon as reference. If the flow in the Skagit River is projected to fall below the State Department of Ecology instream flow levels shown in Table 8-1, the public works department shall appraise and recommend to the mayor the setting of appropriate conditions based upon Table 8-2.

**Table 8-1**

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(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

| 8.29.050 - Policies and procedures. |

Each action level indicated in the matrix outlines specific actions by the public works department depending on the anticipated low flow condition in the Skagit River. The durations indicated in the matrix are the anticipated period of the specified flow conditions. The duration for an action level will start when the Skagit flows drop low enough to first meet that action level's definition and stop when the flows increase to no longer meet that definition: a higher action level can start and stop as needed, and the duration of the lower action level will still be calculated based on its original start date.

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A. Action Levels.

1. Throughout action levels I and II as defined below, the public works department will coordinate the execution of the following actions:

a. Monitor water supply forecasts provided by state and federal agencies and dam operators. Stream flow projections identified in sections A.2 and A.3 below will be based on these forecasts.

b. Establish and maintain regular communications with upstream dam operators in the Skagit River Basin to track planned releases, with the explicit motive of increasing releases to help maintain minimum Lower Skagit River instream flows. Monitor the current operating rule curves used for up-ramping and down ramping for each dam and establish communications and protocol for those situations when the city may request additional releases to augment projected deficiencies in flow.

c. Establish and maintain regular communications with the fisheries managers of the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, the Sauk-Suitte Indian Tribe, and the Upper Skagit Indian Tribe, regarding actual Skagit River flows relative to Lower Skagit River instream flows as established by the Department of Ecology (DOE), and seek to coordinate water withdrawal patterns of the city and the PUD with projected fish passage patterns.

2. Action Level I—Alert Phase. Applies when flows in the Skagit River are projected to reach the Lower Skagit River instream flow level plus 20 percent, or at an alternative level defined by the Skagit River Flow Management Committee.

   The public works department will execute the following actions during the alert phase for the duration of the action level indicated:

   a. Action I.1 (one to two day duration):
      i. No change in water withdrawal/treatment plant operations.
      ii. Prepare public service announcement (PSA) #1.

b. Action I.2 (three to fourteen day duration):
   i. No change in water withdrawal/treatment plant operations.
   ii. Promote a program of voluntary water use reduction by all city customers, with a goal of ten percent reduction in peak day demand.
   iii. Issue PSA #1 to newspaper and radio media requesting voluntary reduction of discretionary use of water.

c. Action I.3 (fifteen days or more duration):
   i. No change in water withdrawal/treatment plant operations.
   ii. Continue a program of involuntary water use reduction by all city customers, with a goal of a ten percent reduction in peak day demand.
   iii. Continue PSA #1 by newspaper and radio media.

3. Action Level II—Management Phase. Applies when flow in the Skagit River falls below the Lower Skagit River instream flow levels, as established by the DOE, until the flows either meet or exceed the instream flow levels.

   The public works department will execute the following actions during the management phase for the duration of the action level indicated:
a. 
Action II.1 (one to two day duration):
  i. Limit water withdrawals to quantities exempt (85cfs/54.94mgd) from Lower Skagit River instream flows.
  ii. Notify the upstream Skagit River dam operators of the downstream flow situation and seek additional releases, if possible, if the situation continues.
  iii. Continue PSA #1 by newspaper and radio media.
  iv. Prepare PSA #2 with a program to voluntarily reduce water demand to meet instream flows.

b. 
Action II.2 (three to fourteen day duration):
  i. Limit water withdrawals to quantities exempt (85cfs/54.94mgd) from Lower Skagit River instream flows and seek voluntary reduction in demand.
  ii. Request the upstream Skagit River dam operators to commence additional releases. Such additional releases should be timed to realize the effect of the release at USGS gage 12200500 at the time of projected deficient stream flow.
  iii. Issue PSA #2 by newspaper and radio media.

c. 
Action II.3 (fifteen days or more duration):
  i. Limit water withdrawals to quantities exempt (85cfs/54.94mgd) from Lower Skagit River instream flows and seek voluntary reduction in demand to meet instream flows.
  ii. Continue to request the upstream Skagit River dam operator to continue additional releases.
  iii. Continue PSA #2 by newspaper and radio media.

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PSA #1 Alert Phase.
  • Seek voluntary ten percent water use reduction with a focus on discretionary outside use of water

PSA #2 Management Phase.
  • Mandatory restrictions for discretionary exterior water use to limit diversion to 85cfs/54.94mgd and voluntary reduction in demand to seek to meet instream flows. The voluntary reduction program may include the following:
    • Restriction on commercial/industrial/residential irrigation.
    • Reduction in peak day water use by all commercial/industrial customers, including restaurants.
    • Reduction in peak day water use by all residential customers.
    • As the demand approaches the out of stream diversion limit of 85cfs/54.94mgd during low flow conditions, the use reduction program will include:
      • Mandatory restriction of governmental/commercial/industrial/residential irrigation activities, including farms.
      • Prohibition of car washing operations at commercial/residential sites
      • Reduction in peak day water use by all commercial/industrial customers, including restaurants.
      • Reduction in peak day water use by all residential customers.

B. Community Outreach and Communication. The public works department will use multiple avenues of communication to inform water users of water supply shortage issues, including information about the issue of instream flows, the different action levels associated with various flow levels, the appropriate response to those action levels, the importance of providing those responses, and the notification process. Methods of communication may include the following:
  • Include a flyer in residential water bills.
  • Issue periodic informational PSAs to local media regarding instream flows and the Water Shortage Response Plan.
  • Periodically discuss instream flows and the Water Shortage Response Plan in quarterly city publications to residents.
  • Maintain information on the city website, including discussion of instream flows and water supply shortages, details of the Water Shortage Response Plan and suggested conservation measures. Display the "Skagit River Level" graphic and adjust graphic to reflect current condition/action level.
  • Maintain information on the local government access television channels including information about the city website. Display the "Skagit River Level" graphic and provide information regarding its meaning.
Email notification of action level and requested response to city mailing lists.
Provide water supply status information on the Water Conservation Hotline, including action level notification and requested response.

C. Other Water Shortage Response Measures. The mayor may declare the implementation of other actions as needed when a water shortage exists such that water supplies are critically impacted and water demand must be reduced. The mayor may establish certain specified days or hours for lawn and garden sprinkling and may prohibit or regulate other non-essential uses of water within the water system during such times as there is an actual or impending water shortage, extreme pressure loss in the distribution system, or for any other reasonable cause. The public works department shall disseminate information using every available means to encourage customers to reduce water usage to the maximum extent possible.

The following non-essential uses of water may be prohibited on all properties connected to the city's water system, whether inside or outside the city:

- Washing sidewalks, walkways, driveways, parking lots, patios, and other exterior paved areas by direct hosing, except as may be necessary to prevent or eliminate materials dangerous to the public health and safety.
- Escape of water through breaks or leaks within the customer's plumbing or private distribution system for any period or time beyond which such break or leak should reasonably have been discovered and corrected. It shall be presumed that a period of forty-eight hours after the customer discovers a leak or break, or receives notice from the city of such leak or break, whichever occurs first, is a reasonable time in which to correct the problem.
- Non-commercial washing of privately owned vehicles, trailers, and boats, except from a bucket or using a hose with a shutoff nozzle for quick rinses.
- Lawn sprinkling and irrigation, which allows water to run off or over spray the lawn area. Every customer is deemed to have knowledge of and control over his or her lawn sprinkling and irrigation at all times.
- Sprinkling and irrigation of lawns, ground cover, or other plants, between the hours of nine a.m. and six p.m. on or any day not authorized by a rotation schedule established by the city for the low water event.
- Such other uses as the mayor deems appropriate.

D. Emergency Water Shortage Response. In an emergency, the mayor may direct the opening of the Emergency Operations Center.

The city council may declare an emergency water shortage when a water shortage exists such that water rationing must be implemented and emergency water distribution may be necessary for customers without water. The city council may restrict water use by rationing the amount of water used by residential users to a certain number of gallons per day per person residing within the dwelling unit, by rationing the amount of water used by non-residential users based on a percentage of their historical usage as calculated by the city, and by any other type of rationing as the council deems necessary and appropriate in the circumstances. The public works department shall disseminate information to customers regarding the rationing plan.

(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

| § 8.29.060 - Enforcement.

The director of public works or designee, including any employee of the public works department, field personnel of the building department or fire department, or police officer of the city, shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)

| § 8.29.070 - Variances.

The director of public works may grant temporary variances for the prospective use of water otherwise prohibited by this chapter. Such temporary variances shall be in writing and shall be based on a determination by the director that, due to unusual circumstances, application of this chapter would cause an extraordinary hardship adversely affecting the health, sanitation, or fire protection of the applicant or the public. The director's determination shall be final and not subject to appeal.

(Ord. No. 2797, § 1, 3-2-2009)
8.29.080 - Penalties.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, violations of this chapter shall be punishable as follows:

A. First Violation—Warning. For a first violation, notice shall be given to the customer, explaining the city's present water shortage situation and warning that a second violation will result in the requirement that a flow restriction device be installed by the city at the customer's expense.

B. Second Violation—Flow Restriction Device. For a second violation, notice shall be given to the customer, requiring the installation of a flow restriction device for a period of seven days, which device will limit water flow to ten gallons per minute, and including a warning that service will be discontinued if a third violation occurs.

C. Third and Subsequent Violations. Water service to the premises will be shut off and a one hundred dollars turn-on charge shall apply. For a third and subsequent violation, notice shall be given to the customer that water service to the premises has been shut off and a one hundred dollars charge has been assessed to the utility account in order to turn the service back on. The one hundred dollars charge shall be a lien against the property as set forth in RCW 35.21.290 and RCW 35.21.300.

D. Opportunity to Comment and Appeal. Prior to imposition of the penalty for either a second, third, or subsequent violation, the customer shall be given notice of an opportunity to comment to the director of public works or designee within twenty-four hours of receiving the notice or such later time as the director may designate, regarding any reason that the penalty should not be imposed. If, after such comment, the director decides to proceed with imposition of the penalty, the customer shall have the opportunity to appeal to the mayor or designee within twenty-four hours of the director's determination or such later time as the mayor may designate. The mayor's determination shall be final and not subject to appeal. Said twenty-four-hour periods shall exclude Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

E. Method of Giving Notice. Notice provided under this section shall be given either by hand-delivering written notification to an occupant at the customer's service address, provided that in the absence of an occupant, the written notification may be posted conspicuously at the premises; or by certified mail.

(Ord. No. 2757, § 1, 3-2-2009)
Chapter 13.20 - WATER SYSTEM

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13.20.010 - Established pipe lines basis for rates.

That all rates named in this chapter shall apply to consumers located on the established pipe lines of the city. If a proposed consumer's premises are located other than on an established pipe line, an additional fixed charge will be made based on the extra investment which the city must make to render the service to the consumer, or the consumer will be required to advance the estimated construction cost of such extension and be reimbursed for such advance with water furnished such premises by the city.

(Ord. 1090 § 1, 1952)

13.20.020 - Temporary service—Cost.

That temporary service will be furnished at the cost of construction and connection, and in addition such metered or flat rates as the city may deem reasonable.

(Ord. 1090 § 2, 1952)
13.20.030 - Right of entry.

The city shall have the right to enter consumer’s premises at all reasonable times for all reasonable purposes in connection with the supplying of water to the consumer, and the consumer will give or obtain all necessary permission so as to enable the city to install the service and care for and protect the same.

(Ord. 1090 § 3, 1952)

13.20.040 - City not liable for damages.

The city shall not be liable for damages for failure of service by reason of accident or otherwise.

(Ord. 1090 § 4, 1952)

13.20.050 - Use application.

A.
Applications for the use of water must be made on printed forms to be furnished at the office of the water department, and the applications must state fully and truly all the purposes for which the water may be required, and the applicant must agree to conform to the rules and regulations as a condition for the use of water. All new services must be metered and applications must include the installation of meter at the time of making service application.

B.
No person supplied with water from the city mains will be entitled to use it for any other purpose than those stated in his application, or to supply in any way any other person or persons or families.

(Ord. 1090 § 5, 1952)

13.20.060 - Water shutoff—Precautions.

A.
The water may at any time be shut off from the mains without notice for repairs or other necessary purposes, and the city will not be responsible for any consequent damages.

B.
Water for steam boilers should not be drawn by direct pressure from the mains, but owners of boilers should always provide tanks holding an ample reserve of water for such purposes.

C.
While water is temporarily shut off from the mains the hot water faucets should be kept open by the occupants of the premises.

D.
On all services on which there are hot water tanks, boilers or heating plants proper precaution should be taken against damage or collapse of such equipment in case water is shut off the main or at the service pipe.

(Ord. 1090 § 5, 1952)

13.20.070 - When advance payment required.

The city may refuse to connect any premises to its pipe lines or refuse to deliver water to any consumer if by so doing it will endanger the efficiency of the city’s service or its property; or to enlarge any line, already in use, for the benefit of a proposed consumer except upon an advance payment by such consumer of such part of the construction cost as the city may require, not exceeding the entire cost.

(Ord. 1090 § 7, 1952)

13.20.080 - Curb cock, stop and drain cock installation.

When an application for a service pipe and tap to a main has been filed with and approved by the city and the charge therefor has been paid, the tap to a main, the necessary pipe including a curb cock, meter and
stopcock and drain cock, placed approximately one foot within the line of the street curb will be put in and maintained by the city and kept within its exclusive ownership and control.

(Ord. 1090 § 8 (part), 1952)

**13.20.090 - Service pipe—Maintenance user's responsibility.**

The service pipe inside of the curb cock and meter must be kept in repair by the owner or occupant of the premises who will be responsible for all damages resulting from breaks therein.

(Ord. 1090 § 8 (part), 1952)

**13.20.100 - Stopcock and waste cock installation.**

A stopcock and waste cock should be installed on the consumer's premises in such position that it will be easily accessible, and protected from frost, and so located that when it is turned off and the faucets in the house are opened, the house pipes will drain and be thus protected from frost.

(Ord. 1090 § 9 (part), 1952)

**13.20.110 - Piping material.**

Iron pipe or copper tubing shall be used as supply pipes on the premises of consumers and the city reserves the right to refuse to connect to any premises using any other pipe.

(Ord. 1090 § 9 (part), 1952)

**13.20.120 - Service pipe—Twenty inches deep.**

Service pipes should be laid not less than twenty inches below the surface of the ground as a precaution against freezing in winter and to keep the water cool in summer.

(Ord. 1090 § 9 (part), 1952)

**13.20.130 - Tapping forbidden by unauthorized personnel.**

Plumbers and others not employees of the city are forbidden to tap any main or service pipe between the main and the stopcock near the street curb, or to connect to the city's pipes when pipes have been disconnected, or turn water on or off any premises, or otherwise interfere with the city's property.

(Ord. 1090 § 10, 1952)

**13.20.140 - Violation—Penalty.**

Any person making unauthorized connections between the supply main and his premises will be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or be imprisoned for a term of not less than ten days nor more than thirty days.

(Ord. 1090 § 11, 1952)

**13.20.150 - Charge when single service supplies multiple buildings.**
A. Where more than one separate building is furnished water through one metered or unmetered service each building will be rated as a minimum metered charge, or combination flat rate, and the combined rate will be charged against the one service and one owner or agent will pay the entire charge, except factory buildings where one meter charge will be made.

B. "Separate buildings" means buildings not connected one to the other by a joint wall.

C. "Factory buildings" means all buildings used for factory purposes by one consumer, including boarding house, roominghouse and office.

(Ord. 1090 § 12, 1952)

13.20.160 - Contractor water use.

Contractors may, for building purposes, make application for water by meter, and the water department shall set a meter upon such application, providing payment be made by such contractor of such estimated cost of setting and removing the meter, which estimated cost in no case shall be less than five dollars.

(Ord. 1090 § 13 (part), 1952)

13.20.170 - When deposit required.

Whenever in the judgment of the water department it may be necessary to protect the city from loss, a deposit may be required sufficient in amount to cover the value of not more than three months' estimated use of water by meter, to be returned when the use of water is discontinued and all arrears are paid.

(Ord. 1090 § 13 (part), 1952)

13.20.180 - Meter—Access and right of entry.

A. When any meter gets out of order water will be charged for in accordance with the average consumption during the three months immediately prior to the failure of the meter.

B. Consumers who are supplied with meters shall keep their premises adjacent to the meter free from all rubbish or materials of any kind which would prevent the employees of the water department from having access to the meter.

C. When a meter cannot be protected at the curb or in the street the city may enter upon the consumer's premises for the purpose of installing and maintaining a meter.

(Ord. 1090 § 14, 1952)

13.20.190 - Meter—Accuracy inspection.

When any consumer whose water service is metered makes a complaint that a bill for any past time has been excessive the water department will, upon written request, have such meter reread and the service inspected for leaks. Should such consumer then desire that the meter be tested said consumer shall then make a deposit with the water department of one dollar before such test shall be made. The consumer shall then have the privilege, if he or she so desires, to be present when such tests are made. In case a test should show an error of over two percent of water consumed in favor of the water department, the deposit will be refunded to the consumer, a correct registering meter will be installed and the bill will be adjusted accordingly. If the test of the meter should show an accurate measurement of water or should show an error in favor of the consumer, the amount deposited will be retained by the water department to cover part of the expenses of making such test.

(Ord. 1090 § 15, 1952)
13.20.210 - Service pipe change—Application and cost.

A consumer desiring the size or the location of a service pipe or meter changed will make written application, and after inspection has been made and the application has been approved, will pay the city the estimated cost of all labor and materials connected with such proposed change, and thereafter the change will be made by the city.

(Ord. 1090 § 17, 1952)

13.20.220 - Freezing not cause for deductions.

No deduction of rate will be made because fixtures or pipes have been frozen, or because taps have been left open to prevent service line or lines from freezing.

(Ord. 1090 § 18, 1952)

13.20.230 - Service may be discontinued during construction.

The city will not be required to furnish continuous water service to a consumer during the progress of street grading or public improvement which necessitates the removal, raising, or lowering of the city's pipes or mains.

(Ord. 1090 § 19, 1952)

13.20.240 - Irrigation—To stop when fire alarm sounds.

No person shall use water for irrigation or sprinkling during the progress of any fire in the city, and all sprinkling and irrigation shall be immediately stopped when an alarm of fire is sounded, and shall not again be used until it has been ascertained that the fire is out.

(Ord. 1090 § 20 (part), 1952)

13.20.250 - Irrigation—When use restricted.

The city reserves the right in case of shortage of water, or for any other cause, to make any order forbidding or limiting the use of water for irrigation, sprinkling or sluicing purposes, and may, at its discretion, make such order at any time.

(Ord. 1090 § 20 (part), 1952)


It is expressly understood that the city will not be held to guarantee the sufficiency of its water supply for fire protection in any fire or sprinkling system; and that the city shall not be liable for failure of water through any fire or sprinkling service, whether occasioned by scarcity of water in its mains, lack of pressure from any cause, or the breaking of a valve, main or connection, or the shutting off of water for repairs, new connections, or for any other cause whatsoever, the city expressly disclaiming any intention of providing protection against fire, but, on the contrary, urging consumers to cover their properties by policies of insurance with reputable insurance companies.

(Ord. 1090 § 21, 1952)

13.20.270 - Water charged against property.
Water shall be charged against the property as well as the owner of the property, and no change of ownership or occupancy shall affect the application of this rule. Notice must, therefore, be given in writing by owners or agents when buildings are vacated, as no allowance under claims or vacancy will be made unless the water department is properly notified and the water shut off. If for any reason the ownership of property insofar as liability and responsibility for payment of charges for the use of water furnished the property is confused or questionable, or if the water department should at any time deem it necessary to have some security for the payment of water rate charges, said department may at its discretion require guarantee deposits as provided for in Section 13.20.280.

(Ord. 1477 § 1 (part), 1959: Ord. 1090 § 22, 1952)

13.20.280 - Application required before use granted.

Before water will be supplied by meter to any property, the owner, contract vendee, or his authorized agent is required to make application for the use of the water as provided in Section 13.20.050. Tenants, as such, are not considered agents of the owner, and without specific, written authority from the owner, applications of tenants for water will not be processed, except as set forth in this chapter.

(Ord. 1477 § 1 (part), 1959: Ord. 1090 § 23 (part), 1952)

13.20.285 - Hookups outside the city.

All new or expanded water hookups within the city of Anacortes' retail service area outside the city, as designated in the Skagit County coordinated water system plan, 1993, and not covered by an existing specific contractual agreement, shall require approval by motion of the Anacortes city council. In making its decision, the Anacortes city council shall consider city policy as set out in the city SEPA ordinance and the city comprehensive plan. Advance approval may be given by the city council for multiple hookups integral to a designated project.

(Ord. 2302, 1993)


The water superintendent and the city engineer shall develop standards for aid in determining the amount of guarantee deposits to be required of applicants and for aid in determining whether a tenant without other authorization from the owner will be permitted to apply for water. Such standards may include consideration of length of residence or tenancy, credit record of applicant, and past record in connection with purchase of water from the city, as well as other matters which the water superintendent and city engineer may deem appropriate.

(Ord. 1477 § 1 (part), 1959: Ord. 1090 § 23 (part), 1952)

13.20.300 - Billing.

Meter rate charges are due and payable on the 1st day of the month immediately following the date of billing, and become delinquent if not paid on or before the thirtieth day of said month. The water department shall have the right to discontinue service to any premises for which meter rate charges are delinquent and refuse to turn said water on to the same property until all delinquencies have been paid in full. Effective January 1, 1965, from meter readings made during the month of December, 1964 and thereafter, domestic residential utility consumers in general will be billed bimonthly, or every second month. For the purposes of this section, domestic residential utility consumers are defined to be single-family dwellings. Approximately one-half of said consumers shall be billed one month and the other half billed the following month.

(Ord. 1374 § 1, 1964: Ord. 1090 § 24, 1952)

13.20.310 - Issuing statements.
During the last week of the month, the water superintendent shall cause to be mailed to each water user a statement showing the amount due for the current month or bimonthly period, whichever is applicable. Said statement of charges shall be due and payable as of the date of billing, and if the same is not paid on or before the last day of said month, the same shall be delinquent, and if not paid on or before said last day of the month in which the statement is rendered, the service is subject to being disconnected. All delinquent accounts as referred to in this section or in this chapter shall bear interest at the rate of six percent per year from the date of delinquency. Payments made upon said billing shall be credited upon garbage charges, sewer charges and/or water charges and upon principal and/or interest due on said billing, at the discretion of the city. Any payments received by the city for less than the total amount billed for water, sewer and garbage services, may be prorated by the city on all applicable accounts. Unpaid charges can constitute a lien against the property, in accordance with laws applicable thereto.

(Ord. 1374 § 2, 1964: Ord. 1090 § 31, 1952)

| 13.20.320 - City not liable for unfiltered water. |

The city shall not be liable to any consumer of unfiltered water or to any person using the same, on account of the use of such water for any purpose for which the same is unsuitable because of lack of filtration or chlorination.

(Ord. 1090 § 30, 1952)

| 13.20.330 - Fire hydrants. |

Fire hydrants of the standard of those now maintained by the city or other fire hydrants of equal efficiency will be maintained by the city along its main pipe lines at the monthly rental of each hydrant of one dollar. Fire hydrants maintained under this schedule are exclusively for fire protection purposes and are not to be used for any other purposes without the written consent of the water superintendent.

(Ord. 1090 § 32, 1952)


All services used for fire protection shall be either metered or be provided with a closed valve. All future fire service connections shall be installed in similar manner. In no case shall any tap be made upon any pipe used for fire purposes, or tank connected therewith, nor shall the use of any water be permitted through any unmetered service nor through any pipes, tanks or fixtures therewith connected for any purpose other than the extinguishing of fire on the premises, except that these services may be tested out occasionally but the water department must be notified in advance of, and a permit obtained, for such test. For any violation of this provision the city may charge the minimum rate or cut off the service. No connections whereby saltwater may be introduced in any way into any pipe connected with city water mains shall be permitted.

(Ord. 1090 § 33, 1952, as amended)

| 13.20.350 - Damage to system—Prohibited. |

It is unlawful for any person to break, deface or damage any water meter, gate, pipe or other water works appliance or fixture or in any other manner interfere with the proper operation of any part of the water system of the city, and any person found violating any of these provisions unless otherwise provided for in this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for a term of not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

(Ord. 1090 § 34, 1952)
Chapter 13.24 - CONTAMINATION PROTECTION

Sections:
13.24.010 - Definitions.
13.24.050 - Private water system—Use restricted.
13.24.060 - Adoption of state provisions.

13.24.010 - Definitions.

For the purpose of this chapter the words set out in this section shall have the following meanings:

A. "Backflow" means the flow other than the intended direction of flow of any foreign liquids, gases, or substances into the distribution system of a public water supply.

B. "Backflow prevention device" means a device to counteract back pressure or prevent back siphonage approved by the Washington State Board of Health in accordance with WAC 248-54-285.

C. "Cross connection" means any physical arrangement whereby a public water supply is connected, directly or indirectly, with any other water supply system, sewer, drain, conduit, pool, storage reservoir, plumbing fixture, or other device which contains or may contain contaminated water, sewage, or other waste or liquids of unknown or unsafe quality which may be capable of imparting contamination to the public water supply as a result of backflow.

D. "Superintendent" shall mean the superintendent of the Anacortes Water Department.

(Ord. 1988 § 1, 1985)


The installation or maintenance of a cross connection which in the opinion of the superintendent will endanger the water quality of the potable water supply of the city is unlawful. Failure on the part of any service customer to discontinue the use of a cross connection which in the opinion of the superintendent will endanger the water quality of the potable water supply of the city shall be sufficient cause for the discontinuance of the water service to the premises on which the cross-connection exists. Water service shall not be resumed until, in the opinion of the superintendent, the water quality of the potable water supply of the city is no longer endangered.

(Ord. 1988 § 2, 1985)


Backflow prevention devices shall be required to be installed and maintained by the service customer on any service connection to the Anacortes water supply system, where, in the opinion of the superintendent, said backflow prevention devices are necessary for the protection of the city water supply from backflow. All reduced pressure principle backflow prevention devices and double-check valve assemblies installed shall be a model approved by the Department of Social and Health Services of the State of Washington. All backflow devices shall be installed at a location and in a manner approved by the superintendent and at no expense to the city. Repair or replacement of defective backflow prevention devices shall be the responsibility of the service customer. Yearly testing of all devices shall be the responsibility of the service customer and all installation,
tests and repairs shall be made in the presence of the superintendent, or the city engineer, or any certified backflow prevention device tester appointed by the city engineer.

(Ord. 1988 § 3, 1985)


The city water department by and through its superintendent shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter and shall monitor service customers to determine that yearly inspection of cross connection control devices by a certified cross connection control specialist have been made.

(Ord. 1988 § 4, 1985)

13.24.050 - Private water system—Use restricted.

Use or operation of a private water supply system contrary to the provisions of the ordinances of the city or the laws of the state of Washington or the rules and regulations of the State Board of Health regarding public water supplies where said private system is served by the city public water supply shall be unlawful.

(Ord. 1988 § 5, 1985)

13.24.060 - Adoption of state provisions.

Rules and regulations of the State Board of Health regarding public water supplies; cross connection control regulations in Washington State, WAC 248-54-250 through WAC 248-54-500 are adopted by reference.

(Ord. 1988 § 6, 1985)


Unlawful cross connections now existing or hereafter installed, services requiring backflow prevention devices and unlawful use or operation of a private water supply system served by the city public water supply system are declared to be nuisances, and in addition to any other provisions and lawful measures for the abatement of nuisances shall be subject to abatement in accordance with the following procedure. In the event that the superintendent shall determine that a nuisance, as provided in this section, does exist, written notice thereof shall be sent to the person in whose name the service is established under the records of the city water department or, alternately, said written notice shall be posted on the premises served. Said notice shall provide that the nuisance described therein shall be corrected within thirty days of the date said notice is mailed or posted. Upon failure to abate said nuisance within the prescribed time, water service may be discontinued. In the event that a nuisance as provided in this section presents an immediate danger of contamination to the public water supply of the city in the opinion of the superintendent, service from the city public water supply system to any premises upon which a nuisance, as provided in this section exists, may be forthwith discontinued. Any appeal from a decision, finding or determination of the superintendent shall be made to the superior court of Skagit County within thirty-three days of mailing or posting of a thirty day notice and three days mailing or posting a notice of immediate discontinuance.

(Ord. 1988 § 7, 1985)
Chapter 13.32 - SERVICE CHARGES

Sections:
13.32.005 - Water rates schedule.
13.32.007 - General facilities charges.
13.32.010 - Committed reserve capacity.
13.32.020 - Irrigation.
13.32.030 - Compliance required.

13.32.005 - Water rates schedule.

A. Effective July 1, 2008, all water used shall be metered. Fireline accounts shall not be billed a monthly service charge nor a monthly consumption charge. All metered water sold for all residential and commercial uses shall be billed as follows:

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B. In addition to the rates set forth in this section there shall be charged an additional amount equal to the amount of any tax levy for the supplying of water service on the water utility by the city, which amount shall be part of the total water bill payable by the water user.
C. All residential and commercial users outside the city shall pay, in addition to the rates set forth, an amount equal to fifty percent of their total water charges.

D. Rates for metered water sold to wholesale and industrial users who have contracted with the city for guaranteed delivery of water shall be set by contract, which contract shall be viewed on an annual basis. In no event shall any rate be set by contract which is less than the cost of water produced, including debt services.

E. On March 1, 2008 the rates as stated above shall become effective. Thereafter on January 1st of each year, the water rate schedule for both monthly service charges and monthly consumption charge shall be increased by the percentage change in the U.S. City Average Consumer Price Index for the previous twelve months unless otherwise adjusted by city ordinance.


13.32.007 - General facilities charges.

A. 1. A one-time general facility charge (GFC) shall be charged to all new customers, or customers increasing their requirement for water service based on meter size required to provide service to the customer. The GFC shall be additional to the meter installation costs and other special fees and charges.

2. Fees.

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3. Fee Increases. On January 1 of each year, the GFC shall continue to be increased by the percentage change in the engineering news record (ENR) construction cost index for the previous twelve months. The GFC shall be paid at the time of applying for a building permit for a structure requiring a new or expanded water service. The out-of-city rate shall be fifty percent higher than the in-city rate.

B. The effective date for the imposition of the charges set forth in this section shall be January 1, 2006.

C. Waiver of General Facilities Charges. The general facilities charges payable upon connection to the Anacortes water system shall be waived where connection is being made to the water system from a single-family residence in the following circumstances:

1. The adjacent water collection line to which connection is being made was installed under a local improvement district for which the property owner was assessed; or

2. [Additional conditions or exclusions]
Where the connection is being made to an adjacent water line constructed by a private individual and subject to a latecomer agreement providing that the property connecting to the water line must have made a binding financial commitment towards the construction of the line.

The general facilities charges shall be waived only if connection is made within two years of the date of acceptance by the city council of the project under which the water line was constructed.

(Ord. 2727 § 3, 2005; Ord. 2518 § 1, 2000; Ord. 2225 § 4, 1992)

13.32.010 - Committed reserve capacity.

There shall be charged, in addition to the rates set forth above for water capacity committed by contract to a customer but not actually used, the sum of one-half of one cent per one hundred cubic feet of water not actually consumed up to the committed quantity.

(Ord. 1648 § 4, 1975)

13.32.020 - Irrigation.

Where meters are read and consumers billed on a bimonthly basis, one-half the total amount used during the two-month period will be considered the amount used for each month in said period; provided, however, that regardless of the charges for water as set forth in this chapter and depending upon the availability of water, all regular domestic consumers of filtered water within the corporate limits of the city after minimum rate has been obtained, may be charged at one-half of the regular rate for the months of June, July, August and September of each year, or between May 15th and September 15th of each year, depending upon the method by which the consumers are billed.

(Ord. 1648 § 5, 1975)

13.32.030 - Compliance required.

All the rules and regulations prescribed by this chapter must be strictly complied with in every instance, and the water must be paid for by all persons supplied according to the following rates and schedules, and in all instances charges shall be made and collections enforced against the tenant and owner of the premises where water connections and services are made, and the employees of the water department are not authorized to make any exceptions.

(Ord. 1648 § 1 (part), 1975)


It shall be the duty of each and every employee of the city, when any violation of this chapter may come to his notice or attention, to report the same to the water office forthwith.

(Ord. 1648 § 1 (part), 1975)
Chapter 13.44 - LOW INCOME CHARGE REDUCTIONS

Sections:
13.44.010 - Reduction granted to low income and indigent residents.
13.44.020 - Reduction eligibility determination.
13.44.030 - Application requirements—Rules and regulations.
13.44.040 - Penalty for a false statement.

13.44.010 - Reduction granted to low income and indigent residents.

There is granted a reduction in city charges for water, sewer, storm sewer, and sanitation services, to low income and indigent residents of the city who meet the qualifications and requirements of Sections 13.44.020 and 13.44.030, as follows:

For all water, sewer, storm sewer, and sanitation utility charges incurred after June 1, 1984, the city shall reimburse low income and indigent residents of the city as defined in this chapter twenty percent of the minimum water, sewer, storm sewer, and sanitation charges as prescribed by the city rate ordinances, in the form of a reduction of such charges.

(Ord. 1947 § 1, 1984)

13.44.020 - Reduction eligibility determination.

A. Qualifications (low income and indigent resident defined). To qualify for the relief set forth in Section 13.44.010, an individual shall:
1. Be a bona fide resident of the city during all periods during which said relief is requested and received; and
2. Have an income from all sources whatsoever not to exceed the income eligibility guidelines as contained in Exhibit A attached to the ordinance codified in this chapter which is by this reference made a part hereof.
B. For the purposes of this chapter, "income" shall include railroad retirement and social security benefits, investment income in the form of dividends from stock, interest on savings accounts and bonds, capital gains, gifts and inheritance, net rental income from real estate, disability payments, retirement pay and annuities. Reimbursement for losses are not to be considered as income.

(Ord. 1947 § 2, 1984)

13.44.030 - Application requirements—Rules and regulations.

A. All claims for application of this chapter must be made and filed with the department of finance of the city and no relief from charges incurred prior to the date on which the application is approved shall be granted.
B. All requests for eligibility under this chapter shall be submitted to the department of finance in writing on a form provided by said department and certified by the claimant.
C. The department of finance of the city shall publish rules and regulations to implement this chapter.

(Ord. 1947 § 3, 1984)
13.44.040 - Penalty for a false statement.

It is a misdemeanor for any person to knowingly file any false application for a reduction of utility charges under this chapter or to knowingly make any false statement or knowingly provide any false information on said application. A violation of this section shall be punishable by a maximum jail penalty of ninety days and/or a maximum fine of five hundred dollars.

(Ord. 1947 § 4, 1984)
### Chapter 13.48 - WATER METER INSTALLATION AND GENERAL FACILITIES CHARGES

**Sections:**
- 13.48.010 - Installation and general facilities charges,
- 13.48.020 - Meter installation—Deposit,
- 13.48.030 - Fire hydrants—Deposit,
- 13.48.040 - New services and other meter requests,
- 13.48.050 - Rights reserved by city.

**13.48.010 - Installation and general facilities charges.**

A. There is established the following water meter installation fees and general facilities charges for the size water meters shown:

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(Ord. 2268 §§ 1, 2, 1993)

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<td>A. New services or situations where there is an existing meter and the owner has requested an irrigation meter or where an existing property is served by one service but has two houses on property, there would be no additional GFC charges as long as the meter requested is the same size or smaller than the largest meter in service. A water meter installation fee based on the meter size would be charged for meters five-eighths inch to one inch in size. Meters one and one-half inches or larger would be charged for time and material.</td>
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<td>B. Where a request is received to install a larger meter to serve new or increased demand, a meter installation fee based on meter size for the new meter will be charged. The charge for the GFC would equal the difference in the current GFC for the new size service less the GFC for the old meter size. There would be no credit for the meter installation removed.</td>
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Chapter 13.52 - DISCONTINUANCE OF UTILITY BILLINGS

Sections:
13.52.010 - Discontinuance of billings.
13.52.020 - Disconnection of water service.

13.52.010 - Discontinuance of billings.

During periods when a residence is unoccupied due to severe illness or advanced age of the owner or owners or when the residence cannot be occupied because it has been rendered uninhabitable in the opinion of the building department, or where other special circumstances exist resulting in non-occupancy of a residence by the owner or owners for a period in excess of sixty days, and where water service to the residence has been discontinued at the request of the owner; all utility charges to said premises may be discontinued. The reason for non-occupancy of a residence shall be provided in a verifiable written form and all such requests shall be reviewed by the mayor or his or her designee to determine if such request for discontinuance of utility charges is appropriate under this chapter.

(Ord. 2484 § 1, 1999)

13.52.020 - Disconnection of water service.

The city may physically disconnect water service to any premises requesting cessation of utility billing under this section by removing or locking the water meter. At such time as reconnection or resumption of utility billing is requested, a fee of seventy-five dollars will be charged.

(Ord. 2484 § 2, 1999)