

Report
Correction to 2013 water charges
February 13, 2013

The Board of Water Commissioners is requesting council approval of a resolution correcting 2013 water service base fees in order to correctly state the intent of the Board to create a two-tiered system for water rates, both of which are intended to be charged at a 20% higher rate in municipalities other than Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood and West Saint Paul.

The Board owns the water systems in the cities of Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood and West Saint Paul. All other municipalities receiving retail water service from the Board, but whose water systems are not owned by the Board, have contractually agreed that their water service accounts be charged 20% more than in those cities.

The initial resolution included a chart showing consumption-based water rates for accounts in Saint Paul, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood and West Saint Paul, and also a 20% higher rate for accounts in all other cities. It clearly stated the 20% higher rate applied to both tiers, which was the intent. However, for the water service base fee, the chart in the initial resolution showed only the amounts for accounts in the afore-stated cities and did not include a column showing the 20% higher fees for all others. This resolution corrects that oversight, with all other rates and charges being as previously adopted.

Board of Water Commissioners budget projections included revenue collection at the 20% higher water service base fee rate and the 20% higher consumption rate from accounts in non-owned municipalities.

See previously adopted Council Resolution No. RES PH 12-302 and Board of Water Commissioners Resolution No. 7204 requesting adoption of corrected rates.