

Sec. 85.01. Water charge.

- (a) There shall be levied and collected a charge against every lot, parcel of land, building or premises having available an active water service connection for the purpose of paying the cost of construction, reconstruction, repair, enlargement, improvement and the maintenance, operation and use of facilities of the waterworks system, including mains, valves, hydrants, service connections wells, pumps, reservoirs, tanks, treatment plants and other appurtenances of the waterworks system.
- (b) Water charges shall be approved by city council resolution based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be based upon the volume of water registered by meter or then by such other means as approved by the board of water commissioners. Water charges shall be sufficient to pay the interest and to provide a fund to pay the principal upon all obligations issued for the waterworks system as well as to pay all the expenses and costs of the maintenance, repairs and operation of the system.
- (c) The board of water commissioners shall recommend to the city council the amount and basis for water charges. The proposed charges shall be considered by the council at a public hearing, which hearing shall be preceded by a notice published in the official newspaper of the city at least ten (10) calendar days prior to the hearing. At the hearing the council shall hear all persons interested in the matter. Following the hearing the council shall, by resolution, establish the water charges.
- (d) Water charges shall accrue until removal of the meter has been verified by the water utility.

Sec. 85.02. Domestic accounts.

One- and two-family dwellings and other properties supplied with water through one-inch or smaller meters shall be described as "domestic" accounts and shall be paid for monthly, quarterly or as the board determines.

Sec. 85.03. Commercial accounts.

Properties other than one- and two-family dwellings supplied with water through meters larger than one (1) inch shall be described as "commercial" accounts and shall be paid for monthly.

Sec. 85.04. Agreements with other municipalities.

The board of water commissioners is authorized, upon adoption of a resolution by the board and upon adoption of a resolution by the council of the City of Saint Paul authorizing the same, to enter into cooperative agreements with respect to rates and other terms and conditions with

municipalities receiving or desiring to receive water from the water utility of the City of Saint Paul. The agreements shall set forth the rates and other terms and conditions and shall constitute the rates and other terms and conditions therein agreed to and authorized by the resolutions of the board and council. Agreements shall run for periods of not less than five (5) years' duration nor more than thirty (30) years' duration. Such agreement, among other things, may provide for rates of distribution of water by the board of water commissioners on the basis of retail rates or wholesale rates or any combination thereof when duly authorized by the resolutions of the council and board.

Sec. 85.05. Failure to read meter.

If for any reason a meter is not read during the designated billing period, an estimated bill for the water charge may be made, and corrections or adjustments in the estimated bill shall be made at the time of the next regular meter reading.

Sec. 85.06. Water bills—When due.

Accounts are payable when issued and shall become delinquent thirty (30) days after the date of billing.

Sec. 85.07. Flat rates.

Rates for water delivered for domestic purposes without being measured by a meter shall be based on the water rates in effect at the time the water billing is made. The water charge shall be computed on an estimate by the water utility of the quantity of water used based on operational information and the size of the service connection.

Sec. 85.08. Fee schedule

All other charges or fees will be collected based on the fee schedule which shall be approved by city council based on the recommendation of the board of water commissioners.