

ORDINANCE 02-2003

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RESTRUCTURING OF RATES AND CHARGES OF THE GRAND RIVERS WATER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, based on regulatory mandates the system had to cease treating water, and

WHEREAS, the City must purchase all water to supply the system, and

WHEREAS, due to economic reasons the present rate structure does not generate sufficient revenues to adequately fund maintenance, operations, depreciation and debt service, and

WHEREAS, the City must revise the rate structure to increase rates and charges for water service, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the foregoing the City may increase the rate annually to reflect any increase in the Consumer Price Index and any percentage increase the water supplier may demand, and

WHEREAS, the City has incurred debt to make improvements to the water system and will retire that debt through a surcharge on each customer.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GRAND RIVERS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City must implement increases to the present rate structure.

§ 7.04.090 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 2. Water Rates and Charges: The monthly rate for water service for residential and commercial customers of the Grand Rivers Water System shall be as follows:

Consumption by gallons – Rate per 1,000 gallons for all gallons consumed - \$3.50.

Subsection B is added to § 7.04.090 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 3. Minimum Monthly Charges: The monthly minimum charge for water service for residential and commercial customers of the Grand River Water System shall be based on meter size before calculation of any gallons consumed as follows:

<u>Meter size</u>	<u>Gallons</u>	<u>Charge</u>
5/8 inch	0	\$9.00
3/4 inch	0	\$10.00
1 inch	0	\$14.00
1½ inch	0	\$20.00
2 inch	0	\$29.00
3 inch	0	\$38.00
4 inch	0	\$48.00

Subsection C is added to § 7.04.090 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 4. A five dollar (\$5.00) surcharge shall be levied to each residential and commercial water customer connected to the Grand Rivers Water System in any manner.

Subsection Z is added to § 7.04.060 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 5. From this date any trailer, building or other structure that may be used as a residence or business whose water source comes from the water system's main water pipeline shall be independently metered.

Any user whose water source comes from the water system's main water pipe line and has not been independently metered in the past shall pay a minimum water service charge and surcharge upon the effective date of this ordinance. Any residence or business in violation of this section shall be subject to disconnection as defined in Section 8 in this ordinance.

Subsection D is added to § 7.04.090 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 6. All rates and charges for water services may be adjusted each year beginning July 1, 2004 and each year thereafter to reflect the percentage increase for the Consumers Price Index for the preceding year.

§ 7.04.120 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

SECTION 7. The water system meter connection charge shall be twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for all size connections. In addition to said connection charges, all residential customers excepting property owners shall pay a meter deposit of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). A commercial customer who is leasing/renting any property shall pay a deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for service before said customer shall be entitled to said service. Said deposit, less any unpaid charges, shall be refunded to the customer, his heirs or assigns, whenever said customer notifies the City in person or writing to disconnect and terminate service to said customer. No deposit shall be required of any property owner.

Subsection E is added to § 7.04.090 of the Grand Rivers Municipal Code to read as follows:

SECTION 8. Billing, Connection, Penalty. That the rates and or charges aforesaid shall be billed monthly, on statements which shall be issued on or about the first of each month, and all bills for such service shall be considered due and payable immediately. Any bill not paid within fifteen days after date of issue, said bill shall be considered delinquent and there shall be imposed a penalty on each bill not paid in the amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the charges (other than sales tax) shown on the face amount of said delinquent bill. If said delinquent bill is not paid within six (6) days after said delinquent date the City shall disconnect said customer from water service. Disconnection of water service for reason of being delinquent in paying any water bill, reconnection of said service shall not be made until said customer pays all charges and penalties owed to the water system, plus the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) disconnection and reconnection charges.

SECTION 9. Severability. Any clause, provision, paragraph or section of this ordinance that may be ruled void or unenforceable of any court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder thereof is intended to be enacted and shall be in full force and effect notwithstanding.

SECTION 10. All former provisions in conflict repealed. Effective date of ordinance. All ordinances, orders, resolutions, motions or parts thereof insofar as some may be in conflict herewith are repealed, and this ordinance shall be published and become effective July 1, 2003.

Date of first public reading: June 10, 2003

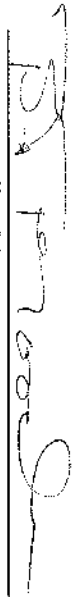
Date of second public reading: June 14, 2003


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Date Published in Livingston Ledger: June 26, 2003

Referenced: Minutes Book 1, Page 137

ATTEST:



B. T. Moodie, Mayor


Joe Dry, City Clerk

Certification

I, Joe Dry, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed clerk of the City of Grand Rivers, Kentucky, that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of an ordinance duly adopted at a meeting of the City Council on June 14, 2003, that the Ordinance referred to therein is in the form presented to said meeting and in the form executed, and the said ordinance appears as a matter of public record in the Official City Ordinance Book and is still in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, witness my signature on this 14th day of June, 2003.


Joe Dry, City Clerk