

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
RESOLUTION #420-24
February 21, 2024
Water and Sewer Policy

WHEREAS, The Town of Farmington of Whitman County has met and considered rules and regulations for delinquent utility accounts, new utility account applications, service disconnection, installation, repair, and maintenance of new and existing utility users and

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Farmington that this resolution supersedes any and all previous resolutions setting water and sewer guidelines and the guidelines set forth are as follows:

Section 1. Late Charges and Non-Payment Service Termination

A late charge of \$20 will be assessed on any account not paid current by the 20th of the month. To request a removal of a late fee must be made in writing to the Town Council. The Town Council will review the request and make a decision regarding the request made. All accounts will be billed on the first of the month for the prior month's usage. Accounts not paid in full by the 20th of the month will receive a shut off notice on the 25th of the month and if not paid current within five days, service will be shut off and a **\$25.00 shut off fee** assessed. To resume services, a **\$25 turn on fee** will also be assessed. Service will not be reconnected until all charges and fees are paid. If services are terminated for non-payment, a lien will be filed against the property, with the Whitman County Auditor, for all outstanding charges as allowed by the State of Washington. The Mayor, at their discretion, may approve a repayment plan in lieu of shut off when an account is past due. A request for a repayment plan must be made in writing by the property owner and approved by the Mayor.

Section 2. New Account Application

An application for water and sewer services will be completed to open a new account.

Section 3. Service Disconnection Request and Fees

A Request to Disconnect Water and Sewer Services form must be completed, signed, and submitted to City Hall before services will be disconnected. When a request is made the property owner must choose one of two options before services will be disconnected.

The first option is to have the water turned off and pay a monthly standby rate. This standby rate will be 60% of the monthly base rate for both water and sewer services at the time the request is submitted. This option will allow the property owner to have services resumed without further charges incurring and services disconnected again without further charges, as long as the standby rate is paid and there are no past due charges on the account. Request for services to be resumed or disconnected, after the original request form is completed, must be made in writing by the property owner and submitted to City Hall.

The second option is to have the water turned off with no monthly charges incurred after service is disconnected. To have the water turned back on would require a **\$50.00 turn on fee** before services will resume. Request for services resumed, after the original request form is completed, must be made in writing by the property owner and submitted to City Hall.

Section 4. NEW Installation of Water and Sewer Services.

The property owner will pay all costs incurred to provide new water and sewer services to the property. All expenses of installation, including labor and materials for a private property connection with the water and sewer main line, shall be paid by the property owner or developer of the property serviced.

A property owner or developer shall not connect any pipe with or dig to the water or sewer main line without a motion of approval by the Town Council and an **Access to City Water and Sewer fee of \$350** is paid. All connections must be made by a licensed/bonded/insured contractor and list the Town of Farmington as additionally insures on their policy.

Section 5. Repair costs of Service Lines.

The property owner is responsible for any and all repairs or replacement of a water service line starting from the water meter. The property owner is responsible for any and all repairs or replacement of a sewer service line starting from the location where the service line is connected to the sewer main line.

Section 6. Water Meter.

The owner of any property receiving water service is responsible for insulating their water meter to protect it from freezing whether the meter is within the property or not. Said owner is also responsible for any damage to the meter caused by the property owner's negligence.

ADOPTED THIS 21th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2024

Town of Farmington



Mayor Blanche Rhea

ATTEST:



Beth Anderson, Clerk/Treasurer

Council:

