

BILL NO. 2840

ORDINANCE NO. _____

SPONSOR: _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 700 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCREASE DEPOSITS AND USER CHARGE RATES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 700.390 of the Municipal Code and recommendation of the State Auditor, the City has reviewed the user charge system to determine if the charge ensures that enough revenue is generated to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's system; and

WHEREAS, such review showed that the current user charge rate of one dollar ninety-two cents (\$1.92) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for the operation and maintenance of the system does not adequately ensure that enough revenue is generated from such user charge rate to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's system; and

WHEREAS, the City's review included a study making several recommendations for increased rates and in order to limit the increase to the minimum possible, the City has determined that increasing the user charge rate to make the user charge fee two dollars ninety-two cents (\$2.92) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, will minimally ensure at this time that enough revenue is generated to pay the costs of operation and maintenance of the City's system; and

WHEREAS, the City has received comment from property owners that the required \$75.00 deposit fee for water service is insufficient to cover the remaining balance of bills on property where the occupant is different than the owner, and the deposit fee therefore needs to be increased to \$100.00 in order to more adequately protect or accommodate the property owner from remaining balances when the occupant vacates the property; and

WHEREAS, the City had a first reading and discussion of such user rate and fee increases on February 7, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City held a public hearing on March 6, 2012 to consider such user rate and deposit fee increases after properly publishing notice more than 30 days' before such hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in accordance with §250.233 RSMo. and other applicable law and now desires to establish new rates and deposits which will alter the charges and fees applicable for services provided inside the City and, pursuant to Section 700.370.2, services provided outside the City; and

WHEREAS, after such public hearing, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen find it in the best interest of the City to amend the City Code to increase the user charge rate for sewer services provided by the City of Pacific to two dollars ninety-two cents (\$2.92) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, and increase the water deposit fee to \$100.00 for property where the occupant is different than the owner, in accordance with Section 700.390 of the Municipal Code, §250.233 RSMo., and other applicable law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF PACIFIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: Section 700.370, entitled “Sewer User Charge Rates,” of the Municipal Code of the City of Pacific is hereby amended by deleting all references to “one dollar ninety-two cents (\$1.92) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water” in Section 700.370.3 and replacing in lieu thereof “two dollars ninety-two cents (\$2.92) per one thousand (1,000) gallons of water.”

Section Two: Section 700.250, entitled “Deposits Required,” of the Municipal Code of the City of Pacific is hereby amended by deleting the reference to “seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)” in Section 700.250.A and replacing in lieu thereof “one-hundred dollars (\$100.00).”

Section Three: Except as specifically amended herein, Chapter 700 and Sections 700.370 and 700.250 of the Municipal Code of the City shall remain in full force and effect.

Section Four: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect on and after its passage and approval, provided that the rates applicable herein shall be effective for services commencing May 1, 2012.

This Bill was passed and approved this 6th day of March 2012, by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Pacific, Missouri after having been read by title or in full two times prior to passage.

Presiding Officer

Herbert C. Adams, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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