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----------ORDINANCE NO.316.----------

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF METERS IN THE WATER WORKS SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF REXBURG FOR MEASURING WATER TO USERS THEREOF; DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS TO INSTALL SUCH METERS; PROVIDING THAT THE CITY SHALL PURCHASE METERS AND SUPPLY THEM FOR INSTALLATION; PROVIDING THE MANNER OF PAYMENT THEREFOR BY PROPERTY OWNERS OR WATER USERS, AND FOR THE PAYMENT OF RENTAL AND SERVICE CHARGES IN CASES WHERE METERS ARE NOT PAID FOR; PROVIDING OTHER REGULATIONS FOR THE CONTROL OF METERS; MAKING IT A MISDEMEANOR TO VIOLATE CERTAIN PROVISIONS AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES.

WHEREAS, Upon investigation made by the water works committee it appears to the Mayor and Council of the City of Rexburg that there has been for a long period of time, a great waste of water through the city waterworks system, and that it will be in the interest of economy to the city and to the users of water who are served by the city waterworks system that meters be installed for the measuring of water to all such users:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REXBURG, IDAHO:

Section 1.- That it is, and is hereby declared to be the purpose and policy of the City of Rexburg to require that meters be installed for the measuring of water by gallons to all users of water who are served by the city waterworks system; and that such meters be supplied by or under the supervision of the Superintendent of Waterworks.

Section 2.- The Superintendent of Waterworks is hereby authorized and directed to begin the work of installing such water meters forth with and prosecute said work as rapidly as he is able and as good workmanship and the supply of meters furnished by the city will permit; and he shall begin such installations and pursue said work at such points and places in the city waterworks system as the waterworks committee may indicate and direct.

Section 3.- All water meters installed in pursuance of the provisions of this ~~ordinance~~ section shall be of standard types and qualities and of makes and kinds approved by the Mayor and City Council, and no meter of any kind shall be placed or installed in, or connected with the waterworks system that has not been so approved. And each meter shall be of such size and capacity as will deliver the quantity of water required to supply the needs of the user to be served thereby.

Section 4.- The city shall purchase meters for installation ~~in~~ pursuance of this ordinance, in quantities to meet the requirements of such work, and shall supply them to property owners or water users as required for installation as provided herein, at the cost thereof to the city plus the cost and expenses of installation, in each case, and such cost price and expense of installation shall be due from the water user or owner of the property whereon same is installed, to the City Clerk as soon as the meter is installed, and before water is turned on for use on such property; and if not so paid then the owner of said property or occupant thereof shall be

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required to make a cash deposit with the City Clerk, before the water is turned on, of the amount herein specified, depending upon the size of the meter in each case, as follows:

For a 3/4 inch meter $5.00;

For a I inch meter $10.00;

For a I¼ inch meter $15.00;

For a I½ inch meter $25.00;

For any meter over I½ inches in size ..... $40.00.

And every user of water taken through a meter not paid for, or the owner of the property whereon same is installed, shall be charged and shall pay to the city a rental and service charge as follows:

For a 3/4 inch meter .....25 cents per month;

For a I inch meter .....50 cents per month;

For a I¼ inch meter .....75 cents per month;

For a I½ inch meter .....$1.00 per month;

For any meter over I½ inches in size...$1.25 per month;

and said rental and service charge shall be due and payable at the same time as the monthly charge for water is due, and as long as such user shall occupy the premises served by such meter. And upon such occupant removing from the premises he shall be entitled to have said deposit returned to him, if all rental and service charges and water dues have been paid, and if not then the City Clerk shall withhold such amount as may be due the city. Provided, any property owner or water user may install a meter on the premis-es owned or occupied by him at his own expense, but only under the supervis-ion of the Superintendent of Waterworks, and provided further, that any such meter shall have been approved by the Mayor and City Council.

Section 5.- In all cases where practicable meters shall be placed on or immediately next to the line dividing the private property from the public street, and all meters shall be placed in suitable boxes and at suff-icient depth in the ground to afford protection from injury by frost and other external causes. Meters shall by kept sealed and all boxes shall be kept locked with substantial locks, and the keys to such locks shall be kept by the city or its officers or employees. Provided, a meter may be placed in the basement or cellar of a building wherein water is to be used, if sufficiently protected against freezing and other injury, if the Superinten-dent of Waterworks or his assistants may have free access thereto for reading and other services, and provided further, there is no tap or other means of drawing water between the meter and the city main.

Section 6.- The City Superintendent of Waterworks shall have access to all property and buildings wherein meters have been placed for reading, repairs and other service, at all reasonable times, and if admitt-ance to any property or building is denied to the Superintendent of Water-works or his assistants, for any of said purposes, such denial shall constit-ute sufficient cause for shutting off the water from such property and building, and it shall be the duty of the Superintendent of Waterworks in any such case to immediately shut off such water.

Section 7.- It shall be unlawful for any person except the Superintendent of Waterworks, or his assistant, to remove, disconnect or

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in any manner disturb or break the seal of any water meter installed in or connected with the city waterworks system, except as otherwise provided in this section. Provided, if any meter located in a basement or cellar is injured by freezing or other cause same may be removed by any licensed plumber, with the consent of the Superintendent of Waterworks first obtained; and such plumber may reconnect the water lines in such case; and in every such case such plumber shall make a written report to the Superintendent of Waterworks within twenty-four hours after such meter is removed, stating the number of the meter, the number of the building in which it was installed, the date and hour when same was removed, and such report shall be signed by the person who removed such meter. Any person who removes any meter except as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and any plumber who removes a meter and fails to make report thereof as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and any violation of the provisions of this section shall be punishable by fine in any amount not exceeding Fifty Dollars ($50.00).

Section 8.- Any meter may be removed and tested by the Superintendent of Waterworks, at the request of the owner or occupant of the property served by such meter, on the payment or deposit by such owner or occupant of the sum of Three Dollars ($3.00) to cover the charge of testing, and if such meter is found to be accurate within the limits of the guaranty of the manufacturer of the meter, the amount deposited shall be retained by the city. If the meter is found to be inaccurate beyond the limits of said guaranty then the deposit shall be refunded, and the meter shall be corrected or another one installed; and in such case the water charges collected from the user served by such meter shall be adjusted on such terms as may appear to the waterworks committee to be just.

Section 9.- When a meter has been installed to measure water drawn from the city waterworks system for use on any premises, no water for any purposes shall be drawn for use on such premises except through such meter, and it shall be unlawful for any person to place or connect any pipe, tap, valve or other fixture or device in the waterworks system by means of which water may be drawn for use on such premises without passing through such meter, or to use any such pipe, tap, valve or other fixture or device for drawing water for use on such premises, and any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in any amount not exceeding $50.00.

Passed the 28th. day of March, 1934.

Approved the 28th. day of March, 1934.

Attest:

City Clerk.

Mayor.