



## Memorandum

**To:** Mayor, Town Council  
**From:** Rick Wixom  
**Date:** February 3, 2023  
**Re:** **February 8, 2023 Town Council Meeting**  
**Ordinance 2023-03 Utility Charges and Resolution 2023-02 Fee Schedule**

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In December, the Council approved a major revision to user fees and charges for the various utility systems. Unfortunately, during preparation of that ordinance and fee schedule revision, an existing charge related to deposits for water accounts at rental properties was overlooked and not included. The missing text was discovered during the process to set up the new fee structure.

Ordinance 2023-03 (item C3) and Resolution 2023-02 (item D1) make an identical change in the culinary water system user rates and charges, adding that rental deposit into the new ordinance and back into the fee schedule.

My apologies for the oversight that lost the rental deposit section in the ordinance change in December.



**ORDINANCE 2023-03**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8-1-4, OF THE TOWN CODE  
MODIFYING CHARGES FOR CULINARY WATER SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Springdale recognizes the need to modify utility user fees from time to time in order to cover the costs of the operation and maintenance of the utility systems and other expenses related to providing utility services, including debt service payments and replacement of infrastructure and equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Council recently modified the rate schedules for the utility systems, including water, irrigation, and sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, a correction in section 8-1-4 needs to be made to include deposits on applications for water services at rental properties; and

**WHEREAS**, as of 1/1/2021, Utah State Code section 10-8-22 (4) requires that water rates be established by ordinance;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Springdale Town Council that the following sections 8-1-4, 8-2-5, and 8-4-5 of the Springdale Town Code are amended as follows:

**Section 1: Culinary Water User Fees**

**8-1-4: FEES:**

- A. *Service rates and connection fees:* The rates, penalty fee for delinquency in payment, connection fee, reservoir fee, inspection fee, and other charges incidental to connection and services from the Town water system shall be fixed from time to time by resolution or ordinance enacted by the Town Council pursuant to State Code. The Town Council may from time to time promulgate rules for levying, billing, guaranteeing, and collecting charges for water services and all other rules necessary for the management and control of the water system. Rates for services furnished shall be uniform with respect to each class or classes of service established or that may hereafter be established.
- B. *Special rates:* The Town Council may from time-to-time fix by agreement or resolution special rates and conditions for users making use of the water system under exceptional circumstances, upon such terms and conditions as they may deem proper.

C. *Complaints; corrections; indigents:* The Town Council is hereby constituted a board of equalization of water rates to hear complaints and make corrections of any assessments deemed to be illegal, unequal, or unjust. They may, if they see fit, rebate all or any part of the water bill of any indigent person.

D. Water Use Rates: The following rates and fees are imposed on the use of culinary water within the Town of Springdale:

1. Application Fee: \$25

2. Inspection Fee: \$25 for new installations.

3. Connected Services: There shall be a monthly base charge plus a volume charge based on water used according to schedule A below.

4. Unconnected and reserve connections: There shall be a monthly base charge according to schedule A below.

5. Construction water: Water usage during the construction of any building, excavation or grading shall be billed a monthly base charge plus a volume charge based on water used using the highest applicable user rate in schedule A below. Construction water is any water used prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy and Zoning Compliance. Construction water will be provided via a hydrant meter per section 8-1-12.

6. Rental Deposit: Applications for water accounts at rental properties must pay a rental deposit of \$125. Deposit shall be refunded after the account is settled and closed.

~~6~~7. Hydrant meter rental: \$2,000 refundable deposit.

~~7~~8. Residential Fire Sprinkler Connections: When the Fire Marshall requires a residential structure to be equipped with fire sprinklers, the fire sprinkler system must have a dedicated and metered connection to the town's culinary water system. The fire sprinkler connection may not be used for any purpose other than fire suppression. Costs related to the installation of the water meter and connection to the town's system are the responsibility of the property owner.

Fire sprinkler connections will not be charged a culinary water impact fee.

Fire sprinkler connections will not be charged a monthly base charge provided there is no water use on the connection. If there is use on the connection due to operation of the fire sprinkler system for fire suppression, the connection will not be charged a monthly base charge or any use charges.

If there is use on the connection for any purpose other than fire suppression such as maintenance, testing, or unauthorized use, the connection will be charged a monthly base charge for each month in which the use occurred. The connection will also be charged use charges according to the highest rate in Schedule A below for all such use.

Schedule A

	Current Rates (11/9/22)	Effective 1/1/23	Effective 1/1/24	Effective 1/1/25	Effective 1/1/26	Effective 1/1/27
<b>Base Charge</b>	<b>\$17.78</b>	<b>\$18.73</b>	<b>\$19.29</b>	<b>\$19.87</b>	<b>\$20.47</b>	<b>\$21.08</b>
<b>Usage Tiers (in Gallons)</b>	<b>Volume Charge (per 1000 gallons)</b>					
0 – 5,000	\$5.57	\$5.70	\$5.87	\$6.04	\$6.22	\$6.41
5,001 – 10,000	\$7.84	\$7.11	\$7.32	\$7.54	\$7.77	\$8.00
10,001 – 25,000	\$9.74	\$8.87	\$9.13	\$9.41	\$9.69	\$9.98
25,001 – 50,000	\$11.26	\$11.06	\$11.39	\$11.73	\$12.09	\$12.45
Over 50,000	\$12.40	\$13.80	\$14.21	\$14.64	\$15.08	\$15.53

**Section 4: Effective Date**

This ordinance will be effective upon publishing and posting.

ADOPTED by the Springdale Town Council this 8th day of February 2023.

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Barbara Bruno, Mayor

Attest:

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Darci Carlson, Town Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE		
R. Aton	Yes	No
B. Bruno	Yes	No
J. Burns	Yes	No
S. Elger	Yes	No
L. Zumpft	Yes	No

**CERTIFICATE OF POSTING**

I, Darci Carlson, acting on behalf of the Town of Springdale, hereby certify that accurate copies of Ordinance 2023-03, were posted at three places within the municipality: Springdale Town Hall, Springdale Post Office, and the Canyon Community Center on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.