

**AN ORDINANCE
AMENDING AND REORDAINING CHAPTER 31 (UTILITIES) OF THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, 1990, AS AMENDED,
TO ESTABLISH NEW UTILITY RATES AND SERVICE FEES
FOR CITY GAS, WATER AND SANITARY SEWER.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia, that:

1. Sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60, 31-61, 31-62, 31-102, 31-106, 31-153, 31-156 and 31-158 of Chapter 31, of the Code of the City of Charlottesville, 1990, as amended, are hereby amended and reordained as follows:

CHAPTER 31. UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. GAS

DIVISION 2. TYPES OF SERVICE; SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-56. Rates - Generally.

The firm service gas rates based on monthly meter readings shall be as follows:

Basic Monthly Service Charge	\$ 10.00	
First 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$9.2491	<u>\$9.7813</u>
Next 3,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$8.7216	<u>\$9.1798</u>
Next 144,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$8.1941	<u>\$8.5784</u>
All over 150,000 cubic feet, per 1,000 cubic feet	\$7.6666	<u>\$7.9769</u>

Sec. 31-57. Air conditioning...

Sec. 31-60. Interruptible sales service (IS).

(a) *Conditions. . . .*

(b) *Customer's agreement as to discontinuance of service. . . .*

(c) *Basic monthly service charge.* The basic monthly charge per meter for interruptible sales service ("IS gas") shall be sixty dollars (\$60.00).

(d) *Rate.* For all gas consumed by interruptible customers the rate shall be ~~\$7.2264~~ \$7.3466 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for the first six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet, and ~~\$6.6275~~ \$6.6850 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for all volumes over six hundred thousand (600,000) cubic feet.

(e) *Annual Minimum Quantity.* Interruptible rate customers shall be obligated to take or pay for a minimum quantity of one million two hundred thousand (1,200,000) cubic feet of gas annually. Each year, as of June 30, the director of finance shall calculate the total consumption of each interruptible customer for the preceding twelve (12) monthly billing periods and shall bill any customer that has consumed less than the minimum quantity for the deficient amount at the rate of ~~\$7.2264~~ \$7.3466 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet. Any new customer shall be required to enter into a service agreement with the City prior to the start of service. If an interruptible customer terminates service, the annual minimum requirement shall be prorated on the basis of one hundred thousand (100,000) cubic feet per month for each month the customer has received service since the last June 30 adjustment.

(f) *Contract required.* . . .

Section 31-61. Interruptible Transportation Service (TS).

(a) *Generally.* ...

(b) *Rates.* The rates for interruptible transportation service (“TS gas”) shall be as follows:

- (1) ~~\$3.0147~~ \$3.2827 per dekatherm for a customer receiving only TS gas, and
- (2) ~~\$1.8088~~ \$1.9696 per dekatherm, for customers who transport 35,000 or more dekatherms per month (“large volume transportation customers”), regardless of whether such large volume transportation customer receives only TS gas, or also receives IS service.

(c) *Basic Monthly Service Charges.* ...

(d) *Special terms and conditions.* ...

(e) *Extension of facilities.* . . .

(f) *Billing month.* . . .

(g) *Lost and unaccounted-for gas.* . . .

(h) *Combined IS and TS customer using more than provided or scheduled by customer....*

(i) *TS Customer providing more gas, or less gas, than customer’s usage.* ...

(j) *Other terms and conditions.* . . .

Section 31-62. Purchased gas adjustment.

In computing gas customer billings, the basic rate charges established under sections 31-56, 31-57, 31-60 and 31-61 shall be adjusted to reflect increases and decreases in the cost of gas supplied to the city. Such increases or decreases shall be computed as follows:

(1) For the purpose of computations herein, the costs and charges for determining the base unit costs of gas are:

- a. Pipeline tariffs;
- b. Contract quantities; and
- c. Costs of natural gas, in effect or proposed as of ~~April 1st, 2022~~, May 1st, 2023.

(2) Such base unit costs are ~~\$3.9740~~ \$3.7668 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for firm gas service and ~~\$2.2350~~ \$1.8332 per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet for interruptible gas service.

(3) In the event of any changes in pipeline tariffs, contract quantities or costs of scheduled natural gas, the unit costs shall be recomputed on the basis of such change in accordance with procedures approved by the city manager. The difference between the unit costs so computed and the base unit costs shall represent the purchased gas adjustment to be applied to all customer bills issued beginning the first billing month after each such change.

ARTICLE IV. WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES

Sec. 31-153. Water rates generally.

(a) Water rates shall be as follows:

(1) Monthly service charge.

Water Meter Size (inches)	Fee
5/8	\$6.50 \$7.50
3/4	\$6.50 \$7.50
1	\$16.25 \$18.75
1 ½	\$32.50 \$37.50
2	\$52.00 \$60.00
3	\$104.00 \$120.00
4	\$162.50 \$187.50
6	\$325.00 \$375.00
14	\$2,128.75 \$2,456.25

May-September

October-April

(2) Metered water consumption, per 1,000 cu. ft. ~~\$86.86~~ \$88.83 ~~\$66.82~~ \$68.33

(b) This section shall not apply to special contracts for the consumption of water which have been authorized by the city council.

Sec. 31-156. Sewer service charges generally.

(a) Any person having a connection directly or indirectly, to the city sewer system shall pay therefor a monthly charge as follows:

(1) Monthly service charge.

Water Meter Size (inches)	Fee
5/8	\$6.50 \$7.50
3/4	\$6.50 \$7.50
1	\$16.25 \$18.75
1 ½	\$32.50 \$37.50
2	\$52.00 \$60.00
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(2) An additional charge of ~~eighty-eight dollars and thirty-four cents (\$88.34)~~ ninety-two dollars and fifty-five cents (\$92.55) per one thousand (1,000) cubic feet of metered water consumption.

(b) Any water customer not discharging the entire volume of water used into the city's sanitary sewer system shall be allowed a reduction in the charges imposed under this section, provided such person installs, at his expense, a separate, City-approved water connection to record water which will not reach the City sewer system. The cost and other terms of City Code section 31-102 shall apply. For customers with monthly water consumption in excess of thirty thousand (30,000) cubic feet, where the director of finance considers the installation of a separate meter to be impracticable, the director may establish a formula which will be calculated to require such person to pay the sewer charge only on that part of the water used by such person which ultimately reaches the city sewers.

2. The foregoing amendments shall become effective July 1, 2024.