

ORDINANCE NUMBER 1

CITY OF TOWER, MINNESOTA

An ordinance to control and regulate the water system in the city of tower.

Tower, Minnesota, February 12th, 1929.

The City of Tower Ordains:

Section I. APPLICATION FOR SERVICE Any person, firm, or corporation wishing to connect with the city water system shall make written application therefore to the city clerk on proper blanks furnished by the city. Such application shall give exact description of property where service is desired.

Section II. The City Clerk shall upon receipt of an application for service ascertain if application is in proper form and then refer same to council for approval. Any application received on which action is desired before the next Council meeting may be approved by the Mayor or President Pro Tem and City Clerk.

Section III. All water furnished by the City shall be metered. The meter to be furnished by the applicant.

Section IV. The tapping of the main line for an applicant shall be done by the city and for which the applicant shall pay the sum of \$3.00 to the city.

Section V. SERVICE PIPE TO BE INSTALLED BY LICENSED PLUMBERS ONLY. No one except regular employees of the water department or of this City or plumbers holding permits issued by this city, shall do any plumbing work on any pipes connected or to be connected to the municipal water system.

Section VI. TRENCHING AND BACK FILLING. All excavations made by plumbers in public ground shall not be kept open longer than its absolutely necessary to make the connections required, and while open shall be protected in suitable barriers, guards, and lights as provided in the ordinances of this city. Back filling shall be thoroughly compacted and left in a condition satisfactory to the City. Where excavations are unsatisfactorily filled, the City shall place them in a satisfactory condition and the cost thereof shall be charged to the plumber and his permit will be suspended unless said sum is paid within ten days after notice thereof.

Section VII. CHARACTER OF PIPE FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS. All service pipes shall be galvanized, wrought iron, lead, copper, or brass and shall be laid seven feet below the established grade, or as low as the street mains.

Section VIII. CURB COCKS. There shall be a curb cock in every service line attached to the mains, the same to be placed as near as possible to the curb, if on a street, or within one foot of the alley line if the main is located in the alley. Line cocks shall be supplied with strong and

suitable "T" handles, and shall be enclosed in a substantial Iron case covered with a tight fitting Iron lid, with the letter "W" cast upon it. All of this to be done by the applicant at his own expense.

Section IX. COST OF INSTALLATION BORNE BY CUSTOMER. The cost of original installation of all plumbing between the curb and any service devices maintained by the customer, and all extensions hereafter made to such service pipes, as well as all repairs to the same shall be borne entirely by the consumer, although such service pipes and devices shall at all reasonable times be subject to inspection by duly authorized officials of the water department. Any repairs found to be necessary by such officials shall be made promptly or the City will discontinue service.

Section X. METERS. Every consumer shall provide a suitable place where a meter can be installed and the City shall install and maintain the same, and if, at any time, the consumer desires to have the meter tested for accuracy, the same shall be done by the City and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) charged therefor to the customer if the meter registered 98 percent or more accurate. If the meter registers less than 98 per cent accurate, it shall be replaced and repaired before installation or another service.

Section XI. READING METERS. For the purpose of reading meters, duly authorized employees of the water department of this city may legally enter upon any premises at a reasonable hour.

Section XII. WATER ACCOUNT IN NAME OF OWNER. All accounts carried upon the books of the municipal water department shall be with the owner in fee simple of the property served, or his authorized agent, and said owner shall at all times be liable for water used upon the premises. Whether he is occupying the same or not.

Section XIII. TAKING WATER WITHOUT AUTHORITY. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person firm or corporation to take any water from the municipal water plant except the same be drawn through a meter installed by the city or from any premises not owned by him or them without the permission of the owner thereof.

Section XIV. TAMPERING WITH CUT OFF VALVES. It shall be unlawful for any person to turn any curb cock on or off except a duly authorized employee of the water department.

Section XV. RESERVES RIGHT TO DISCONTINUE SERVICE. The City hereby reserves the right to discontinue service to any or all customers of the municipal water system without notice when the same is necessary in the repair of said system or any part thereof, or for the non-payment of water rents, and when water service has been discontinued for non-payment of rent, it shall not be resumed except upon the payment of the water rent past due together with interest at 6 percent thereon, and a fee of one dollar (\$1.00) for turning water on, which sum shall be paid to the City Clerk at the time of paying the back water bill.

Section XVI. Any person wishing to engage in the plumbing business in the City of Tower shall first secure from the City Clerk a permit to do so for which he shall pay the sum of \$10.00 annually, provided however that if a state law is hereafter enacted requiring a state license to practice said trade such license shall be accepted in lieu of this permit. All plumbing work done

under this permit or subsequent state license shall at least be in accord with the minimum state code.

Section XVII. BONDS. The amount of bond required by plumbers in this city shall be \$500.00 and in the form of surety bond, no person bond accepted.

Section XVIII. RATES. A price of thirty cents per thousand gallons shall be charged for water service provided that the minimum rate shall be \$1.25 per month. Water service payable monthly upon receipt of bill. If unpaid by the 25th day of month following service a 10% penalty will be added. If charges for water services remains unpaid for a period of two months, service will be discontinued and a charge as heretofore provided will be made for connection.

Section XIX. PENALTY. That any person, firm, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of Sections 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 17 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and fined not less than five dollars (\$5.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) and costs and in default of payment of said fine, shall be committed to the city (or county) jail until such fine and costs are satisfied as provided by law.

Section XX. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This ordinance shall take effect on and after its legal passage.

Ordinance #1 given first reading on February 12, 1929.

Adopted March 12, 1929.

Moved by Alderman Stonich, supported by Alderman Weinzierl that ordinance #1 be adopted and approved.

Ayes: Alderman Weinzierl, Stonich, Anderon, Sovde, and Mayor Olson.

Nayes: None

Attest

Carl Howe
City Clerk

Herman T Olson
Mayor

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