



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS MEMO

DATE: October 7, 2020
TO: Hudsonville City Commission
FROM: Robert Miller, Department of Public Works Superintendent
SUBJECT: Establishment of Fees for Dedicated Fire Service Lines

Many industrial and commercial facilities in the City of Hudsonville are connected to the public water system with a dedicated fire service line. This connection is physically separate from any taps made for domestic, process, or irrigation water at the same facility. These dedicated fire service lines are typically unmetered, are usually at least a 4" diameter, and generally flow very little water, except in the event of fire or a testing/maintenance situation.

Section 23-19(d), Rates and Charges (*fire protections rates*) of our current Code of Ordinances states: *Automatic sprinkler services or hose connections for fire protection purposes only shall constitute separate services and a charge shall be made for each and the rates or charge shall be set by resolution of the city commission.*

The **2019-2020 City of Hudsonville Fee Schedule** does not include such a rate structure. The Department of Public Works wishes to establish the above-described fees to recover the cost of providing such service to our community. I surveyed four communities in our region and found the average **QUARTERLY** fee for a six-inch (6") fire service line is **\$46.64**. Based on this, I propose the following rates, contained in the accompanying resolution, billed quarterly during our regular cycle, for dedicated fire service connections:

4" - \$25.00 6" - \$40.00 8" - \$70.00 10" - \$110.00

Existing fees related to ROW construction, tapping, inspection, etc. will still apply where applicable.

Motion to approve Resolution NO. 20-XX. RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RATES, PER CITY OF HUDSONVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE SEC. 23-19(d), FOR DEDICATED FIRE SERVICE CONNECTIONS ON THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

CITY OF HUDSONVILLE
OTTAWA COUNTY, MICHIGAN

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RATES, PER CITY OF HUDSONVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE SEC 23-19(d), FOR DEDICATED FIRE SERVICE CONNECTIONS ON THE PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM.

Commissioner _____, supported by Commissioner _____, moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City provides many properties with dedicated fire service connections to the public water system, and

WHEREAS, the City must set commensurate fees for such a connection to recover the costs associated with providing such a service, and

WHEREAS, the City of Hudsonville Code of Ordinance requires that the City Commission set such rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the rate structure below, applying to dedicated fire service lines only, be incorporated into the existing and approved **2019-2020 City of Hudsonville Utility Fee Schedule**. Rates will be billed quarterly with the regular cycle, and represent ready-to-serve (RTS) cost recovery.

4" - \$25.00/quarter 6" - \$40.00/quarter 8" - \$70.00/quarter 10" - \$110.00/quarter

2. That all resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are rescinded.

YEAS: Commissioners _____

NAYS: Commissioners _____

ABSTAIN: Commissioners _____

ABSENT: Commissioners _____

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

Dated: October 13, 2020

Diana VanSlyke
City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Hudsonville at a regular meeting held on October 13, 2020, and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to, and in compliance with, Act 267 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1976, as amended.

Dated: October 13, 2020

Diana VanSlyke
City Clerk