ORDINANCE No. 197

An ordinance fixing, regulating and controlling the use and price of water supplied by the City of Kent, repealing all other ordinances in conflict herewith.

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following rules and regulations shall be and the same are hereby established for fixing, regulating and controlling the use and price of water supplied by the City of Kent, to wit:

Section 2. All applications for the use of water shall be made to the Superintendent of water works at his office, on printed forms furnished by the City, such application shall be made by the owner or authorized agent of the property to which the water is to be furnished; said applicant shall state fully and truly the purposes for which the water may be required, and must agree to conform to the rules and regulations and any modifications thereof, that may be made and established from time to time as conditions for the use of water.

Section 3. All accounts for water shall be kept in the name of the property owner, when known, and all charges shall be made against the property as well as the owner thereof; and no change of ownership or occupancy shall affect the application of this section.

Section 4. All bills for water whether by fixed rate or meter rate are due and payable on the first day of the month for the month previous, at the office of the superintendent of water works without any notice whatever to the consumer, and if not paid on or before the 12th day of the month, a penalty of fifty cents will be added; and the water turned off from the premises. The water will not be turned on in any instance until all charges are paid. When the 12th or last day for payment falls on Sunday or any legal holiday, the consumer will be allowed the next succeeding business day on which to pay before the penalty for non-payment shall attach.

Section 5. No person supplied with water from the city's mains shall be entitled to use it for any purpose other than those stated in the application, nor permitted to add any fixtures; or supply in any way or for any purpose, other persons or families without first securing a permit for the same from the Superintendent of water works.

Section 6. In all cases where water is to be supplied to several properties from one service, the city shall contract with but one of the owners of the said properties, and he and his property shall be held responsible by the city for all charges, the same as if he were the owner of all the properties benefited by the service. The Superintendent of water works may require separate services for each house.
Section 7. When a permit has been obtained for the use of water and the charges hereinafter prescribed have been paid to the Superintendent of Water Works, the service will be put in as soon as it is practicable for the City to do so; the charges for services up to and including stop cock, where streets are not paved or planked, shall be as follows:

For connections with wood main, up to 3/4 inch service $5.00.
For connecting with steel main, up to 3/4 inch service $7.00.
An additional charge of $5.00 will be made on planked streets.
An additional charge of $20.00 will be made on paved streets.
No service larger than 3/4 inch will be permitted without meter.

Section 8. All service pipes must invariably come direct from the street main, and shall be laid not less than 24 inches below the surface of the ground, with a stop cock placed one foot inside the street curb line, except on streets that are parked, in which case the stop cock will be placed two feet outside the the outer line of the sidewalk, all of which will be put in and maintained by the City and kept under its exclusive control.

Section 9. No person except employees of the water department will be allowed to turn the water on or off at the City's stop cock, after the plumbing has been completed and the water turned on by the City, except to repair the special stop and waste cock or the pipe between it and the city's stop cock.

Section 10. A special stop and waste cock with a key attached thereto, in a terracotta or iron box, with iron cover, protected from frost and accessible to the consumer, shall be placed on the pipe leading from the City's stop cock, at a distance from it of not more than twenty feet, and no branch pipe, bibb or fixture of any kind shall be placed between this cock and the City's main. If this cock does not thoroughly drain all pipes throughout the premises, additional ones shall be placed in all traps, bends and traps that cannot otherwise be drained.

Section 11. All pipes and connections from the City's stop cock located in or near the sidewalk, shall be put in at the expense of the owner, who shall be responsible for all damages resulting from breaks or breaks.

Section 12. No plumber or other person will be allowed to make connection with the City's mains or make alterations in conduit, pipe or other fixture, connecting therewith, or to connect pipes when they have been disconnected, or to turn water off or on, upon any premises at the city's stop cock, without a permit from the Superintendent of Water works.

Section 13. Plumbers or other persons doing any work by means of which water may be drawn from the City's mains, shall use galvanized pipe, if iron, and must make in writing a true and accurate report of all work done, and deliver the same to the Superintendent of Water works, within twenty-four hours after its completion, giving the location of all stop and waste cocks, and all other fixtures, on forms that will be furnished by the City, and such reports shall state whether the water has been left turned on or off at the said premises.
Section 14. Plumbers or other persons failing to perform their work according to the established rules and regulations, or executing it unskilfully or to the damage of the Water works, may be debarred from making connections or doing any work on fixtures or pipes until they shall have paid into the City treasury a penalty of ten dollars for such violation.

Section 15. Any person making connections to, or alterations in any pipe whereby water may be drawn from the City's mains, or taking water from any fire hydrant, bibb, pipe or fixture of any kind without first having secured a permit for the same from the water superintendent, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than $100.00, nor more than $500.00, or imprisoned for not more than thirty days, all fines collected under this section to be placed to the credit of the Water and Light Fund.

Section 16. Should it be desired to have the water turned on after it has been turned off, or where new services have been completed, a written order from the owner or his authorized agent, must be given to the superintendent of water works, after which water will be turned on, provided there are no defective or leaky faucets, closets or other fixtures, and when such may be discovered the water will be turned off.

Section 17. Should the water be turned on to the premises by any one other than an employee of the water department after it has been turned off at the City's stop cock, it will be turned off at the main and will not be turned on again until the charges as prescribed in section 3 by of this ordinance have been paid.

Section 18. Should it be desired to discontinue the use of water supplied to vacant premises for a period of not less than thirty days, notice in writing must be given to the Water Superintendent, the water will then be turned off and turned on again on written application without extra charge, but no reduction of charges will be made for a less period than 30 days, or without the said notice.

Section 19. Should it be desired to discontinue the use of water for any purpose, whether for closets, bath tubs, hose connections or other fixtures, the faucet must be removed, the branch pipes or service supplying the fixtures plugged, and notice given in writing at the office of the water superintendent before any reduction will be made in the rates.

Section 20. No reduction in charges will be made on premises, a part of which may become vacant, until written notice of such vacancy shall be served on the Superintendent of water works, and then a reduction will be allowed only when such vacancy continues thirty days or more from the date of service of such notice. There shall be no reduction whatever, for vacant rooms in houses which are rated for one family only.

Section 21. No remission of charges will be made when water is turned off from occupied premises unless the same is turned off at the main, by order of the owner or his agent, for which the regular charge prescribed in section 27 of this ordinance will be made; said charge to be paid at the time the order is given to
have the water turned off, together with all arrears, (if any), and current charges.

Section 22. The water may at any time be shut off from the mains without notice, for repairs, extensions, or other necessary purposes and persons having boilers supplied by direct pressure from the mains are cautioned against danger of explosion or collapse, and where meters are in use or to be used on such service, a safety valve shall be placed between the boiler and such service, and the meter at the owner's expense, who shall be held responsible to the City for any and all damages to meters caused by hot water.

The city will not be responsible for the safety of boilers on the premises of any water consumer.

Section 23. The right to make an order, in case of shortage, or for any good and sufficient reason, suspending the use of water for irrigation and sprinkling purposes, is reserved to the Water and Light Committee of the City Council, at its discretion, which order shall take effect from and after its publication in the City Official Newspaper. For a violation of this order a penalty of ten dollars shall be imposed and taxed against the person and premises supplied, and the water will be turned off and so remain until said penalty and all other charges due are paid.

Section 24. No person shall use water for sprinkling or irrigation during the progress of any fire in the City, and all irrigation and sprinkling shall be immediately stopped when a fire alarm is sounded at any time. For any violation of this rule a penalty of ten dollars shall be imposed and taxed against the person and premises supplied, and the water shall be turned off and so remain until said penalty and all other charges are paid.

Section 25. Employees of the water and light department shall have free access at all times in the day to all parts of buildings in which water may be delivered from the city mains, for the purpose of ascertaining the number of rooms and families in the house or inspecting the condition of the pipes and fixtures, and the manner in which the water is used.

Section 26. The water superintendent shall have free access to the stop cocks and water meters and covers. All persons are prohibited from piling rubbish of any kind thereof.

Section 27. It shall be the duty of the water superintendent to report to the City Council within fifteen days after this ordinance takes effect, all buildings in process of construction in the City, and thereafter the amount of water required to be used in the construction of buildings hereafter to be erected; such reports shall contain an estimate of the amount of brick, stone, concrete, lime, plaster and other materials requiring the use of water, to be used in the construction of such buildings, which shall be certified to be the architect or contractor in charge of the building when practicable. Water for building purposes will only be furnished upon payment in advance, and at the rates based upon such estimate, and no water shall be furnished in excess of the amount advanced therefor, without further payment; provided that all buildings or portions thereof of excess five thousand dollars, water shall be furnished at meter rates, unless special rates shall be given therefor by the Water and Light Committee of the City Council, and payment in such cases shall be made as provided in the section for meter rates and as in this section provided for special rates.
Section 29. Water for sidewalks, street or lawn sprinklers, irrigation, hose connections, closets or baths, will not be furnished to persons who do not also pay for the use of water for families' stores or other purposes to which it may be supplied, and the water will be turned off from the premises as soon as such payments are discontinued.

Section 30. The use of hose for sprinkling, irrigation purposes, and washing sidewalks or streets is prohibited except between the hours of six and eight o'clock A.M., and five and nine o'clock P.M., except when meters are used; a less number of hours may be ordered by the Water and Light Committee at any time, when in their discretion it appears necessary or desirable. Any violation of this rule or of such order of the Water and Light Committee shall be punished by a penalty of one dollar to be imposed and taxed against the person and premises supplied, and the water shall be turned off and so remain until the said penalty and all charges due are paid.

Section 31. All persons having connections or a hose bib on the premises to which a hose may be attached, for the purpose of irrigation, will be charged the regular sprinkling rates between the first day of June and the first day of September, unless notice is given in writing at the office of the Superintendent of water works, to the effect that no sprinkling will be done. In order to have said charge waived, the hose bib or branch pipe supplying said fixture must be unplugged. The placing in any place where it can be used by the public, of any faucet, fixture or opening of any kind other than a hose connection for sprinkling, which latter must be kept under cover, by an iron box, will not be allowed, except where meters are used. The water will be turned off for the violation of this rule, and a penalty of one dollar imposed, and the water shall remain turned off until the penalty and all charges due are paid.

Section 32. The charges for turning water off at the main shall be as follows:

- In streets not paved or planked, $2.00.
- In planked streets $5.00.
- In paved streets $15.00.

Section 33. Monthly water rates, where meters are not used shall be as follows:

- No rates less than $1.00 per month.
- Bakeries $2.00 per month.
- Barber shops, 1st. chair $1.00, additional chairs 25¢ Each.
- Bath tubs, in private residence, each family, 25¢, boarding and lodging houses, private schools, and barber shops 50¢ each, tub.
- Blacksmith shops, first fire 1.00, each additional fire, 25¢.
- Boarding and lodging houses in addition to family rates, per room 10¢
Book binderies, five persons or less, $1.00, each additional workman, 10¢.

Building purposes: For plastering each 100 yards, 20¢, each 1000 brick, or each cubic foot of stone wall or concrete, 15¢. for wetting each barrel of lime or cement for other purposes than plastering or building walls or foundations, 10¢.

Cisterns for filling, 1000 gallons or less, $1.00, each additional 1000 gallons, 50¢.

Elevators, hydraulic, from $20.00 to $40.00 per month, to be ascertained by the water and light committee of the City Council.

Family rates: each family $1.00.

Fish and meat markets or either, $1.25 each.

Lawn fountains, with 1/8 inch nozzle, $1.00.

Lawn sprinkling, and sidewalk washing, for each lot with a frontage of 25 feet or less, 25¢.

Live stock, 10¢ each.

Sewer work or sluicing; charges to be fixed by the water and light committee of the City Council.

Street sprinkling, public: charges to be fixed by the water and light committee.

Street Sprinkling, private, when the full width or more than one half of the width of the street, 2¢ per linear foot; 2 or less of the street, 15¢ per linear foot, minimum charge of 25¢.

Stores, retail of all kinds, $1.25.

Restaurants $2.00.

Water motors for family use in washing, $1.00.

Irrigation, other than as herein above specified, per 100 square yards or fraction thereof, 20¢.

Urinals, self-closing, 25¢, not self-closing, 35¢, constant flow $1.50.

Water closets; private residence, 25¢ each; public tank closets $7.50 each, pan or plunger, 50¢ each.

Section 34. Water for other uses or business than those mentioned in this ordinance, charges shall be made by special rate as ordered by the water and light committee of the City Council.

Section 35. The right is reserved to the water and light committee to place a water meter on any service for the purpose of measuring the water supplied to the premises by such service, and payment for the same shall be made at the same time and in the same manner as prescribed in section 4 of this ordinance.

Section 36. A water meter may be placed on any service by the application of the owner or his agent for a period of not less than one year, for the purpose of measuring the water supplied to the premises by such service, but in no case shall more than one meter be placed on any one service. All meters shall be and remain the property of the City, and may be removed and replaced at the pleasure of the Water and Light Committee.

Section 37. Where water is supplied by meter for manufacturing purposes, and then is used in part for other than manufacturing purposes, such as for stores, families, barns or houses of any description, all of the water furnished shall be charged the regular meter rate, and will not be given the benefit of the rate provided for manufactories.

Section 38. The shall be and there is hereby established a manufactory’s meter rate; said rate to apply to such establishments.
only as are using machinery for the purpose of manufacturing and are employing not less than ten persons; said rate shall be eighty percent of the regular meter rate prescribed in this ordinance.

Section 39. That there shall be and is hereby established a rate applicable to public schools, hospitals and other kindred charitable institutions; said rate shall be fifty per cent of the regular meter rate prescribed in this ordinance.

Section 40. The following establishments shall be furnished water by meter only:
- Bathing houses, barns, (Transfer), Brick yards, Bottling works, breweries, factories, foundries, gas works, green houses, hospitals, hotels, laboratories, laundries, machine shops, mills, packing houses, public buildings, restaurants, saloons, schools, soda fountain, stables, (other than private), station houses, steam engines, theatres, water motors, water plants.

Section 41. In the event of the meter getting out of order and failing to register, the consumer shall be charged at the average rate of daily consumption as shown by the meter when in order.

Section 42. Rent shall be charged for water meters at the following rate per annum payable quarterly in advance:
- 1/2 inch meter, $1.20.
- 3/4 inch meter, $2.00.
- 1 inch meter, $4.00.
- 1 and 1/2 inch meter, $6.00.
- 2 inch meter, $9.00.
- 3 inch meter, $15.00.
- 4 inch meter, $30.00.
- 6 inch meter, $70.00.

Section 44. The rates for water supplied by meter shall be for the quantity used in any month, as follows, except where otherwise provided:

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For each 100 feet in excess of 4900 an additional charge of 5¢ shall be made up to 26,000 cubic feet, and for each additional 100 cubic feet above 20,000, an additional charge of 4¢ shall be made. In computing the rates as above provided, rates ending in 1 or 2 shall be counted as though ending in a "0; and those ending in 3 or 4 as though ending in 5; and rates ending 6 and 7 shall be counted as though ending in 0 and rates ending 8 and 9 shall be counted as ten.
Section 41. Pipes for fire protection purposes must be fitted up with such fixtures only as are needed for fire protection and such fixture shall be sealed by the Water superintendent, and in no case shall such seal be broken except in case of fire, or by the fire chief for the purpose of testing the pipes, fixtures or hose. When seals are broken in case of fire it shall be the duty of the owner or tenant of the premises to notify the superintendent of water works of the same within twenty four hours after its occurrence, and the said seal shall be replaced by the water superintendent. For violation of this section a penalty of ten dollars will be imposed, and the supply of water discontinued for all purposes until said penalty and all charges due are paid.

Section 45. All connections from the Street main to the curb or sidewalk, including stop cocks and valves shall be made by the city at the prices stated in section 7 of this ordinance.

Section 46. The annual charges for each fire protection service payable in advance between the 1st day and the 12th day of January of each year shall be as follows:
Two inch pipe, $2.00, three inch pipe, $3.00, four inch pipe, $4.00, six inch pipe, $6.00.

Section 47. The words "employee of the Water department" as used in this ordinance shall be taken to mean any person in the employ of the City of Kent whose work is upon the water system or any portion thereof.

Section 48. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance or any of them are hereby repealed.

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Mayor

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