ORDINANCE NO. 974

An Ordinance of the City of Kent amending Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 897 of the City of Kent, as amended by Sections 1 and 2 of Ordinance No. 966 of the City of Kent, relating to the fixing and regulating of the price of water connections to the water supply of the City of Kent, and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. That Section 1 of Ordinance No. 897, passed on the 1st day of March, 1955, and approved by the Mayor on the 2nd day of March 1955, as amended by Section 1 of Ordinance No. 966, passed December 2, 1957 and approved by the Mayor December 3, 1957, be and it is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Installation and connection charges for property within the City Limits.

(a) Any property owner within the city limits applying for water service shall pay a service, material and connection charge. This charge will include the cost of connection and laying of pipe from the city water main to the property line of the property to which service is desired or a distance of 60 feet from the main towards such property line, whichever is shorter. The minimum charge so established is as follows:

$75.00 for each 5/8 x 3/4 connection

$150.00 for each 1" connection

$225.00 for each 1 1/2" connection

$400.00 for each 2" connection

These rates shall apply to all connections and shall be in addition to the charges hereinafter set forth in paragraph (b) and (c) when applicable.

Service charges for larger than 2" shall be based on the actual cost of each connection. In the event a smaller meter is installed than the size of the service, a deduction in the difference of meter cost will be made from the charge of that size service. All service material will remain the property of the city. If the tap is changed to one of larger size, the cost and expense of such change must be paid before the larger size tap is installed. If it becomes necessary, during the installation of said connection, to break and replace either concrete or blacktop paving, then in each instance an additional charge shall be made to cover the cost of such repair.

(b) In addition to reimburse the city for water in place in reservoirs, storage tanks and oversize mains, the owner of property connecting to a main, if said property has not previous to the effective date of this ordinance contributed to the cost of construction of an approved main, shall be required to pay a sum based on a factor of $100.00 per acre, except that the charge under this section for each single family residence shall be $25.00. If the parcel of property to be connected is 1/4 of an acre or less, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $25.00. If more than 1/4 but less than 1/2 acre, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $50.00. If more than 1/2 but less than 3/4 acre the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $75.00. If more than 3/4 but 1 acre or less, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $100.00. Each additional acre or portion thereof connected shall be charged on the same basis.
(C) If the parcel to be connected abuts on an existing main and such connection can be made without installation of any six inch or larger main, and such abutting property has not previously been assessed for a main and has not previously contributed its proportionate share of construction costs for a main, then the owner of such property may be connected to such abutting main upon the payment of a special additional connection charge equal to $2.00 per front foot of the property to be served. This portion of the connection charge may be paid in cash or deferred for payment in 4 quarterly installments on a contract form to be provided by the city. Such contract shall permit payment on any quarterly payment date and shall bear interest at 5% per annum until paid. Such contract shall be recorded in the records of the King County Auditor at the expense of the owner and shall provide that the unpaid portion of the connection charge shall be a lien upon the property to which such connection is made, superior all other liens and encumbrances except those for general taxes and special assessments, which may be foreclosed in the same manner provided by law for the foreclosure of delinquent local improvement district assessment liens.

Said contract shall further provide that in the event of delinquency in the payment of such connection charge, the water foreman may disconnect the city's water service from and refuse to supply water for the premises in default until said delinquent payments are paid in full, this remedy to be concurrent with and in addition to the city's right to foreclose said lien as herein provided.

SECTION 2. That Section 2 of Ordinance No. 897 of the City of Kent, passed the 21st day of March, 1955, and approved by the Mayor the 22nd day of March 1955, as amended by Section 2 of Ordinance No. 966, passed December 2, 1957 and approved by the Mayor December 3, 1957, be amended to read as follows:

(a) Any property owner outside of the city limits applying for water service shall pay a service, material and connection charge. This charge will include the cost of connection and meter. The minimum charge so established is as follows:

- $100.00 for each 5/8 x 3/4 connection
- $200.00 for each 1" connection
- $300.00 for each 1 1/2 connection
- $550.00 for each 2" connection

These rates shall apply to all outside of city connections and shall be in addition to the charges set forth in subparagraph (b) in addition, to reimburse the city for water in place in existing reservoirs, storage tanks and oversize transmission mains, the owner of property connecting to a main, whether abutting said main or not, shall be required to pay a sum based on a factor of $200.00 per acre, except that the charge under this section for each single family residence shall be $50.00. If the parcel of property is 1/4 acre or less, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $50.00. If more than 1/4 acre but less than 1/2 acre, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $100.00. If more than 1/2 acre but less than 1 acre, the sum to be paid for such parcel shall be $150.00. Each additional acre or portion thereof shall be charged on the same basis.

(c) All installations of mains outside the city shall be the sole
responsibility of the property owner benefitted thereby and shall be in accordance with standards and specifications hereafter set forth in this ordinance. If the parcel to be connected abuts on an existing main installed and owned by the City, and connection thereto can be made without installation of any 6" or larger main by the owner of such parcel, then such owner shall also be required to pay the special additional connection charge of $2.00 per front foot, as more fully provided in Section 1 (c) above.

SECTION 3. This ordinance is declared to be urgent and necessary to the immediate peace, safety and public welfare of the City of Kent, and an emergency for the passage thereof is declared to and does exist and the ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and publication once in the Kent News Journal, the official newspaper of the City of Kent.

Alex Thornton, Mayor

Attest: Chas. Bridges, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

Emerson B. Thatcher, City Attorney

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