

ORDINANCE NO. 32

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 13  
OF CHIKAMING TOWNSHIP WHICH WAS ADOPTED  
ON MAY 6th, 1965.

THE TOWNSHIP OF CHIKAMING ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 11 of Ordinance No. 13 of Chikaming Township which was adopted on May 6th, 1965 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 11: Except as hereinotherwise provided, water to be furnished by the system to each premise shall be measured by a meter installed and controlled by the Township. Charges for water service to each premise within Chikaming Township connected with the Water Supply System, shall be as follows:

Rates for Premises Served on Monthly Basis

(a) A minimum monthly charge depending on the size of meter used as set forth below, which charge shall entitle one customer to use 2500 gallons of water during the month, to-wit:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge</u>	<u>Meter Removal Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 6.00	\$ 30.00
3/4"	7.00	35.00
1"	8.00	40.00
1-1/2"	10.00	50.00
2"	12.00	60.00
3"	16.00	80.00
4"	20.00	100.00
6"	See Section 11 (h)	200.00

(b) For all water used during the monthly period in excess of 2500 gallons, charges shall be made at the following rates, to-wit:

\$1.10 per 1000 gallons for 2500 to 5000 gallons per month.  
\$1.00 per 1000 gallons for 5000 to 10,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .90 per 1000 gallons for 10,000 to 20,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .86 per 1000 gallons for 20,000 to 35,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .82 per 1000 gallons for 35,000 to 50,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .78 per 1000 gallons for 50,000 to 65,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .74 per 1000 gallons for 65,000 to 200,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .66 per 1000 gallons for 200,000 to 500,000 gallons per month.  
\$ .60 per 1000 gallons for all over 500,000 gallons per month.

#### ANNUAL PRE-PAYMENT OPTION

(c) In lieu of the foregoing "Monthly Basis" in Section (a) and (b), any single residential premise may, at the option of the owner, pre-pay a minimum charge once each year. The Water Department will send a bill each billing period showing the amount of prepaid credit remaining on the account.

The Rates for the Annual Pre-Payment Option are as Follows:

5/8" meter	minimum charge	\$72 per year
3/4" meter	minimum charge	\$84 per year

In the case of meters larger than 3/4", the annual pre-payment rate is based on the monthly minimum rate X 12.

The Annual Pre-Payment Option entitles the customer to use 2500 gallons per month. For water usage in excess of 2500 gallons per month, charges will be made at rates specified in section (b) above.

(d) Charges for water service furnished by said system to premises outside of Chikaming Township shall be fixed by the Township Board but

shall not be less than those charged to premises within the district.

(e) The Township shall pay for all water used by it at the foregoing rates, except that for fire hydrant service, the charge shall be \$25.00 per year for each hydrant in Chikaming Township. Charges against the Township shall be payable in monthly or quarterly installments, in the discretion of the Township, from the current funds of the Township or from the proceeds of taxes, which the Township, within constitutional limitations, is hereby authorized and required to levy in an amount sufficient for that purpose.

(f) A meter deposit of \$25.00 as partial cost of supplying and installing meter shall be made by each owner of premises connected to the system. Such deposits hereafter made, together with those previously made, shall be held in trust for the depositors by the Township, which shall not be required to pay interest thereon. In the event that the depositor ceases to be the owner of the premises, his deposit shall be returned to him after deducting any unpaid charges.

(g) A renter's service deposit of \$35.00 to guarantee payment of water bills shall also be made for each connection where water is furnished to a renter of the property served. Such deposits hereafter made together with those previously made, shall be held in trust for the depositors by the Township which shall not be required to pay interest thereon. In the event that the depositor ceases to rent the premises, his deposit shall be returned to him after deducting any unpaid charges.

(h) The Township Board, by its Township Water Board, may authorize under certain conditions a water rate which shall be available only to approved

private water systems which own their own water distribution lines; install, maintain and repair their own water lines and appurtenances thereto; and bill and collect all fees in connection with its consumption of water. In such a case, the Township Water Board will provide water to such private system at current retail rates plus a special minimum charge to be established by the Township Water Board.

Section 2: Section 12 of Ordinance No. 13, adopted May 6th, 1965 is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 12. No free service shall be furnished by the system to the Township or to any person, firm or corporation, public or private, or to any public agency or instrumentality. Charges for services rendered by the system shall be calculated on a monthly basis but billed and collected on either a monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly or annual pre-payment basis and payable as of the "Due Date" which is the 17th to the 19th of the month in which the bill is sent. If payment is not received by Water Department by the "Due Date" shown on the water bill, such charges shall be deemed delinquent and a penalty of 10% shall be added thereto. If such a delinquency shall continue for thirty (30) days, then all services furnished by the system to such premise shall be discontinued. When service shall have been discontinued, whether for nonpayment of charges or otherwise, a charge of \$10.00 shall be made for the final meter reading and disconnection. Premises shall not be reconnected unless all unpaid charges, including penalties are paid in full plus a reconnection charge of \$10.00.


If the owner requests Water Department to remove the meter, there will be a charge as shown in Section 11 (a) depending on meter size. This

charge must be prepaid before removal of meter. Meter will be reinstalled by Water Department when so instructed by owner. There is no additional charge for reinstalling meter.


Section 3: From and after the effective date of this ordinance it shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to tamper with, disturb, adjust turn off, remove, disassemble, destroy or damage any water shut off valve, water meter or any other appurtenance to said water system. Any person convicted of a violation of the section of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of \$100.00 and/or imprisonment in the County Jail for 90 days.

Section 4: Validity. If any provision of this ordinance is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any other section or provision herein.

Section 5: Enactment. This ordinance was enacted on the 2nd day of June, 1977, by the Chikaming Township Board and ordered to be published in the St. Joseph Herald-Palladium on the 7th day of June, 1977, being within (10) days of its enactment and ordered to be made effective on the 7th day of July, 1977, being thirty (30) days after publication thereof.

  
Lena Abrahamsen, Clerk  
Chikaming Township

Attest:


  
Donald C. Peterson, Supervisor  
Chikaming Township

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that the names of the Township Board members and the vote on the adoption of the foregoing ordinance were, as follows:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>Peterson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Abrahamsen</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Sperry</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Gibson</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>
<u>Sandtveit</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>

I further certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in the Herald-Palladium of St. Joseph, Michigan on the 7th day of June, 1977.

  
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Lena Abrahamsen, Clerk  
Chikaming Township