

**AGENDA  
LEBANON CITY COUNCIL  
JUNE 3, 2020**

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

**9.A – DISCUSSION & SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 17, 2020:  
ORDINANCE #2020-09, TO AMEND CITY CODE CHAPTER 68, FEES,  
TO EXEMPT THE FIXED CHARGE FOR ¾ INCH and 1 INCH WATER METERS  
SERVING FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEMS IN ONE- AND TWO-FAMILY  
RESIDENTIAL DWELLING UNITS**

**BACKGROUND**

The City Council approved a new water rate structure on May 15, 2019, which included a base charge by water meter size for all water customers. Previously adopted Code provisions required that newly constructed single-family homes be equipped with a fire suppression system (commonly referred to as a sprinkler system). This provision was later repealed by the Council and is no longer a requirement. Several single-family homes were constructed during the time that fire suppression systems were required and are therefore serviced with water meters larger than single family homes without fire suppression systems.

At its May 20, 2020 meeting, the City Council addressed concerns expressed by residents related to the fixed charge for larger water meters. At the close of the discussion, Council directed administration to formulate an amendment to the Code to relieve those residents impacted by the larger fee. Ordinance #2020-09 proposes to amend City Code Chapter 68 to exempt the fees for ¾-inch and 1-inch water meters in those single- and two-family residences that contain a fire suppression system.

**ACTION**

*Should the Council accept the recommendations of City Administration, the following motion is offered for consideration:*

***MOVED, that the Lebanon City Council hereby schedules a public hearing for Wednesday, June 17, 2020, beginning at 7:00pm, Remote via Microsoft Teams, for the purpose of receiving public input and taking action on proposed Ordinance #2020-09, to amend the Code of the City of Lebanon, Chapter 68, Fees, Article III, Miscellaneous Fees, Section 68-15 Enumeration of Fees, to exempt the fixed charge for ¾-inch and 1-inch water meters serving one- and two-family residential dwelling units that contain a fire suppression system.***

Included in this Section:

1. Proposed Ordinance #2020-09

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**CITY OF LEBANON  
ORDINANCE #2020-09**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND the Code of the City of Lebanon, Chapter 68 FEES, Article III Miscellaneous Fees, Section 68-15 Enumeration of Fees, to exempt the fixed charge for ¾-inch and 1-inch water meters serving fire suppression systems in one- and two-family residential dwelling units.

BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Lebanon, as follows:

**Section 1**

The Code of the City of Lebanon is hereby amended to revise Chapter 68 FEES, Article III Miscellaneous Fees, Section 68-15 Enumeration of Fees, to exempt the fixed charge for ¾-inch and 1-inch water meters serving fire suppression systems in one- and two-family residential dwelling units.

**§68-15 B(1)(b)** Fixed charge per quarter:

- [1] 5/8-inch: \$16.96
- [2] \*¾-inch: \$54.21
- [3] \*One-inch: \$80.61
- [4] 1.5-inch: \$141.76
- [5] Two-inch: \$234.81
- [6] Three-inch: \$604.37
- [7] Four-inch: \$2,435.09
- [8] Six-inch: \$4,471.39
- [9] Eight-inch: \$8,590.73

\*Typical residential dwelling units are adequately served by plumbing systems that only require a 5/8-inch water meter. Residential dwelling units plumbed to include a fire suppression system require a water meter at least ¾-inch in size. As such, those one- and two-family residential dwellings serviced by a previously installed fire suppression system may be exempt from the requirement to pay a higher fixed meter charge and will be charged the same rate as a 5/8-inch water meter. The owner may apply for an exemption. The City Manager may issue an exemption to the 5/8-inch meter rate only if the structure being served does not otherwise have a need for a larger meter size.

**Section 2. Severability**

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable, and if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or part thereof is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or part of this ordinance.

### **Section 3. Effective Date**

This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage.