

ORDINANCE NO. 606  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY  
OF JEFFERSON, IOWA, 2017, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS  
PERTAINING TO THE WATER SERVICE SYSTEM

Be it enacted by the City Council of Jefferson, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Section Amended. Section 90.04 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**90.04 ABANDONED CONNECTIONS.** When an existing water service is abandoned or a service is renewed with a new tap in the main, all abandoned connections with the mains may be tuned off at the corporation stop and made absolutely watertight. The City's authorized municipal officer may determine the water service to be abandoned under this section if there has been no observable activity at the property served in excess of 30 calendar days. No new charges shall accrued following a water connection being determined as abandoned, though such determination does not relieve the responsible party from paying previous charges. Before an abandoned connection can be reconnected to the City's water service, a new water meter must be purchased and installed, and all prior fees and charges must be paid in full.

SECTION 2. Section Amended. Section 92.11 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017, is repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

**92.11 TEMPORARY VACANCY.** A property owner may request water service be temporarily discontinued and shut off at the curb valve when the property is expected to be vacant for an extended period of time. Unless otherwise requested by the property owner, the City will remove the meter for such temporary vacancy. There shall be a fee collected, as established by resolution of the Council, for shutting the water off at the curb valve, removing the meter and restoring service. Minimum service charges shall continue if water is shut off at the curb valve and the property owner has requested the meter remain during the temporary vacancy. If the meter has been removed the minimum service charges shall be discontinued until such time as service has been restored.

SECTION 3. Section Added. The following shall be adopted as Section 92.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Jefferson, Iowa, 2017.

**92.12 TEMPORARY WATER SERVICE AND RATE.**

This section is intended for new construction of residential, commercial, and industrial structures. "New construction" is defined as a structure not previously served by the City's water system or a structure previously served by the City's water system, which structure was totally destroyed or removed from the site. This section does not apply to remodeling, retrofitting, or similar projects.

1. This section is applicable only to construction sites having an approved building permit issued for the proposed structure to be built on the site.

2. This service shall not exceed 90 days from the date of the new service connection to the water system.
3. Water usage under this section shall be for the sole purpose of construction, relative to the structure permitted for the specific construction site, including sidewalks and driveways, and may not otherwise be used outside of the structure.
4. Water usage shall be determined by a water meter which shall be rented from the City. A deposit shall be required to rent the water meter, which shall be remitted upon the water meter being returned in the same condition as when originally rented, normal wear and tear excepted.
5. The City may monitor the usage to determine if it exceed the intended purpose. If the City determines that the usage exceeds the intended purpose, the service will be discontinued and reconnected only as prescribed in other sections of this Code of Ordinances.
6. Failure to comply with any part of this section shall result in disconnection of service from the City water system. Any reconnection to the City water system thereafter shall be as allowed only by other sections of this Code of Ordinances and not as allowed in this section.
7. Water service under this section shall be furnished at the rates enumerated in Section 92.02 of this Code of Ordinances, for a period not to exceed 90 days from the date of the new service connection to the water system and will be billed with the building permit for the applicable structure.

SECTION 4. Repealer. Any and all resolutions and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.


SECTION 5. Severability. If any section, provision or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 6. When effective. This ordinance shall be effective as of the beginning of the monthly water and sewer billing cycle that commences immediately after this ordinance is published as required by law.

Finally passed by the Council and approved on July 27, 2021.

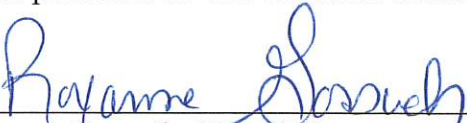
  
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Matt Gordon, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was published in The Jefferson Herald on  
August 5, 2021.

  
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Roxanne Gorsuch, City Clerk