ORDINANCE NO. 18271

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor James A. McClintock relating to water service and connection fees, amending City of Topeka Code § 146-32 and specifically repealing said original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Topeka City Code § 146-32, Application for use of water, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Application for use of water service and connection fee.

Any person desiring to use requesting city water service must first make application for such use at with the office of the water division on the blanks furnished by completing the application form provided by the water division, giving notice of the time water is to be turned on, and shall make arrangements to be at the property when water is turned on by service persons, who shall determine whether or not service is in condition for water to be left on. The person requesting city water service will be required to schedule a final inspection and water activation with the water division.

Each person requesting a new water service connection to the water distribution system shall pay all connection costs and other rates, charges, deposits and fees established by law. The connection fee shall be paid at the time of application for water service.

A new water service connection shall require the installation of a city water meter meeting specifications determined by the public works director or designee. Master
water meters for wholesale customers shall also meet specifications determined by the public works director or designee.

   Water connection fees shall be determined by the public works director or designee and reviewed and adjusted if necessary at least every five (5) years. Such fees shall be based on connection costs, the system's value, capacity and demand factors.

   At the discretion of the chief administrative officer or city council, the water connection fees authorized in this section may be waived or modified for economic development projects which offer extraordinary benefits to the city. The chief administrative officer shall be authorized to grant a waiver of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the fees. City council approval shall be required for any waiver in excess of twenty-five percent (25%).

Section 3. That original City of Topeka Code § 146-32 is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Council of the City of Topeka June 23, 2004.

ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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