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CITY OF COLUMBIA
ORDINANCE NO. 3236


City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13.04.260 OF THE CITY OF
COLUMBIA MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING WATER METERS LOCATED
WITHIN THE CITY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia, Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia ("City Council") previously adopted Section 13.04.260 of the City of Columbia Municipal Code ("City Code"), addressing requirements for water meters located within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes it is in the best interest of the City, and now desires to amend Section 13.04.260 of the City Code to add language prohibiting connection of the City water supply in two distinct premises or tenements unless separate and distinct service stopcocks are provided for each premises or tenement and each premises is provided with a separate meter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. That the preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one ("1") of this Ordinance.

Section 2. That Section 13.04.260 of the City Code shall be amended to read as follows:

"Section 13.04.260 Meters Required.

A. No person, firm or corporation shall connect any water pipe or conduct water supplied by the City water supply into two (2) distinct premises or tenements unless separate and distinct service stopcocks shall be provided for each, nor shall City water be so connected to separate premises unless each premises is provided with a separate meter; provided, that the City declares that nursing homes, shelter care facilities, hospitals, hotels and motels are said to be commercial and billed according to single metered rates.

B. All premises using the city water supply must be equipped with an adequate water meter furnished by the city, but paid for by the consumer.

C. A contractor/land developer needing to use city water to clean streets, sanitary and/or storm sewers, curbs, gutters, the exterior of newly constructed buildings and/or other infrastructure or land improvements and intending to connect to a fire hydrant for such uses and purposes, shall be subject to the following regulations pertaining to use of a city water meter therefor and shall be required to proceed as follows:

1. The contractor/land developer ("applicant") shall obtain from the office of the city clerk a "Hydrant Meter Rental Agreement" form which the applicant shall complete, sign and file with the city clerk.

2. The applicant will be required to pay for repairs necessary to be made to the water meter they are leasing from the city due to damage caused to the water meter by the applicant's use thereof, and the rental agreement form shall so provide.

3. The applicant shall pay to the city clerk such rental fee as is, from time to time, provided for in the fees and rates schedules on file with the city clerk's office, as amended.

4. The applicant will not be allowed to retain the possession and use of the rental water meter in excess of fourteen (14) consecutive days without returning the meter and reapplying for a new water meter lease.

5. The applicant will be billed for all water taken from the fire hydrant in accordance with the water meter rate charges of the city as from time to time set forth in the fees and rates schedules on file with the city clerk's office, as amended.

6. If the water is being used to flush and clean sanitary sewer lines, the applicant shall be billed for the use of the sanitary sewer in accordance with the sewer rate charges set forth in the fees and rates schedules on file with the city clerk's office, as amended. (Ord. 1602 § 1, 1997: prior code § 38-1-26)"

Section 3. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect after passage and approval by the Corporate Authorities.

YEAS: Aldermen Ebersohl, Agne, Niemietz, Roessler, Huch, Reis, Holtkamp

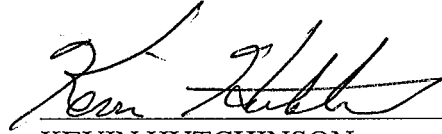
and Martens.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 19th day of January, 2016.



KEVIN HUTCHINSON

Mayor
City of Columbia

ATTEST:



WESLEY J. HOEFFKEN

City Clerk
City of Columbia