

CITY OF NEWPORT

RESOLUTION NO. 3615

A RESOLUTION REPEALING RESOLUTION NO. 3525
AND ESTABLISHING
A MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE
FOR ALL PROPERTIES
CONNECTED TO THE CITY WATER SYSTEM

Findings:

- A. The City of Newport operate a water utility that diverts, stores, treats, and delivers water to customers within the city, and to its customers outside the city.
- B. The Newport Municipal Code Chapter 5.10 governs the operation and use of the city's water utility. NMC Section 5.10.200 specifically authorizes the City Council to set charges, fees, deposits, and penalties for water utility users.
- C. Resolution No. 3525, adopted on September 20, 2010, and effective on October 1, 2010, contained the following provision: Section 4B - Once a property is connected to the water system, the property is considered to have metered city water service until such time as the dwelling receiving service no longer exists, even if water service to the property is shut-off. The property shall continually incur at least the appropriate minimum monthly charge. The Finance Director may waive the minimum monthly charge in the event of extenuating circumstances. A property owner may appeal to the City Manager a denial by the Finance Director of a waiver of this provision.
- D. When subsequent resolutions establishing rates for water utility charges, fees, deposits, and penalties, were adopted, Resolution No. 3525 was inadvertently not repealed; and Section 4B of Resolution No. 3525, which should have been included on subsequent water utility charge resolutions, was inadvertently omitted.

Based on these findings, the City of Newport resolves as follows:

Section 1. Repeal of Resolution No. 3525. Resolution 3525 is repealed in its entirety.

Section 2. Establishing a Minimum Monthly Charge for all Properties Connected to the City Water System. The following will apply to all properties connected to the city water system:

Once a property is connected to the water system, the property is considered to have metered city water service until such time as the dwelling receiving service no longer exists, even if water service to the property is shut-off. The property shall continually

incur at least the appropriate minimum monthly charge based on the meter size to the property. The Finance Director may waive the minimum monthly charge in the event of extenuating circumstances. A property owner may appeal to the City Manager a denial by the Finance Director of a waiver of this policy.

Section 3. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on October 15, 2012.



Mark McConnell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder