

YARD WATER METER ORDINANCE

BILL NO. 879

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AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR A SPECIAL WATER METER KNOWN AS A YARD WATER METER.

Whereas, the City of St. Mary, Missouri has adopted rules and regulations for the operation of the water supply system owned by the City of St. Mary, Missouri; and

Whereas, landowners have requested special water meters for filling swimming pools, watering yards and gardens and other outdoor projects that require water but do not require sewer services;

Whereas, the City desires to provide this service to the landowners who request such service, so now, *therefore*,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ST. MARY, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Mary, Missouri is hereby establishing a policy allowing landowners to have a Special Water Meter to be known as a Yard Water Meter. The purpose of this meter shall be to fill swimming pools, water yards and gardens, to wash cars, wash building siding and other outdoor maintenance on the property where the meter is installed. All water used for this purpose shall not go into the city sewer system and shall not be charged a sewer fee. This meter shall be used solely for these outdoor uses and not for daily normal usage of the landowner.

SECTION 2. Anyone requesting a Yard Water Meter must have a regular water meter in service at the same location. If the regular meter is shut off for any purpose the yard meter will also be shut off. NO ONE but an authorized employee or a person authorized by the city shall turn this meter on or off.

SECTION 3. The cost of the installation of a yard meter shall be at the expense of the landowner. The city shall provide a manual read meter at no cost and all other materials are to be at the expense of the landowner. The landowner shall install the same type of meter box, lid and meter set that is currently used by the city. The landowner is responsible for the meter and shall not let it freeze during the winter months. The city shall inspect all piping before any underground work is covered up. The contractor or person installing the yard meter must be approved by the city.

SECTION 4. Deposits shall be as follows:

<u>Residential water users with a ¾ inch meter</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>
<u>Residential rental units with a ¾ inch meter</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>
<u>One inch meters and above</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>

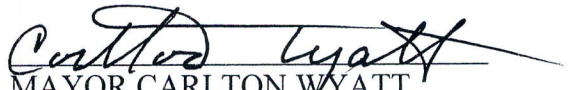
SECTION 5. Water User Bills shall be in accordance with Ordinance No. 832 No. 8. In the event that the meter is shut-off for non payment of a bill, then a re-connection shall be made after the entire bill is paid, plus ten percent (10%) interest and a re-connection fee of \$20.00 (Twenty Dollars). It shall be the responsibility of the landowner to notify the city when to turn the meter on and also to turn the meter off.

SECTION 6. The yard meter must be kept in service for a six (6) month period running consecutively. The service period shall be waived for the first year the meter is installed. The minimum charge shall be paid in addition to extra gallons use. The meter will be turned on at the beginning of use and turned off after six months at no charge. Said meter can be left in service indefinitely as long as the minimum bill is paid.

SECTION 7. Any person or persons who violate Section 1 by using water from the yard meter for other purposes than outdoor use shall be in violation of this ordinance, upon conviction in any court, shall be fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each offense.

SECTION 8. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

Passed and approved this the 21st day of June, 2012.


MAYOR CARLTON WYATT

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK JOANN E. DONZE

<u>ALDERMAN</u>	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Dennis Bovey	X			
Clyde Cassoutt	X			
Brenda Franklin	X			
Frank Gerardot	X			

I, JoAnn E. Donze, Clerk of the City of St. Mary, Missouri do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly read and adopted on this the 21st day of June, 2012 at a meeting so convened before the board.


CITY CLERK JOANN E. DONZE