

## **ORDINANCE NO. 616**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND PROTECTION OF CITY WATER METERS AND FACILITIES, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE READING OF METERS; ESTABLISHING WATER SERVICE CONNECTION CHARGES; AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 546, 567, 580 AND 596 AND ALL OTHER AND FOREGOING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WHEREWITH.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS:**

### **SECTION 1. METERS:**

- (a) **Locations:** All meters shall be set in a suitable meter box, which shall be approved by the Water Department and connected and maintained under the direction of and in conformity with the rules and regulations of the Water Department.
- (b) **Accessibility:** The owners and occupants of any premises where City water is used shall be responsible for keeping the meters free and clear of all obstructions and shall see that the same is conveniently accessible at all times for the purpose of reading, inspecting and repairing the same.
- (c) **Interference:** No water meter or water facilities shall be connected, removed, repaired, or otherwise disturbed without proper authorization from the City. No supply of water shall be opened to any person or premises without proper authorization of the City. Violation of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 or imprisonment of not more than thirty (30) days or by both such fine and imprisonment.
- (d) **Estimate:** The meter shall be read once a month. In the event any meter fails to register, or in the event the same as registered is incorrect in the opinion of the City Water Department, or if the meter cannot be read for any reason, the City Clerk shall estimate the reading based on the consumer's established pattern of use.

**SECTION 2:** The revenues derived by the Waterworks System of the City from the payment of the rates, fees and charges established hereby shall be paid into the treasury of the of the City and used as hereafter determined by the Governing Body of the City.

**SECTION 3:** Water rates and surcharges will be established by Resolution duly adopted by City Council.

**SECTION 4:** Ordinances No. 546, 567, 580, 596 and any and all other ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication once in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS, THIS 18th DAY OF JANUARY, 1999.

ATTEST:

Jaclyn L Reimer  
Jaclyn L Reimer, City Clerk  
(SEAL)

Donald K DeHaven  
Donald K. Dehaven, Mayor