

Ordinance No. 2018- 13

An ordinance amending Chapter 24 of the Victoria City Code relating to Fees, increasing various fees for services administered by the Department of Public Works, including, but not limited to, an increase in the water and wastewater rate structure, repealing conflicting ordinances, providing for codification and savings, and declaring an effective date.

Whereas the Public Works Department must adjust its fees in order to recover the average cost of providing services in response to increased material costs, updated labor rates, and costs associated with obtaining and applying the current FEMA rates for equipment;

Now therefore, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Victoria, Texas:

1. That the following sections of Chapter 24 of the Victoria City Code are hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 24-121. – Water Service Charges.

(b) Water Service Consumption Charge. The monthly water service consumption charge shall be based on the amount of water consumed as registered on each user's water meter. The monthly consumption charge shall be assessed and billed to each water service user, in addition to the base charge, according to the following schedule, in 1,000 gallon increments, subject to the gallonage allowance included in the base rate:

First 2,000 gallons usage	included in base charge
3,000 through 7,000 gallons usage	\$1.92 per 1,000 gallons
8,000 through 18,000 gallons usage	\$2.08 per 1,000 gallons
19,000 through 50,000 gallons usage	\$2.40 per 1,000 gallons
51,000 through 75,000 gallons usage	\$2.65 per 1,000 gallons
76,000 through 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.80 per 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.95 per 1,000 gallons
<u>3,000 through 10,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$2.25 per 1,000 gallons</u>
<u>11,000 through 75,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons</u>
<u>Over 25,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$3.15 per 1,000 gallons</u>

Sec. 24-122. – Sewer Service Charges.

(b) Sewer service consumption charge. A monthly sewer service consumption charge shall be assessed and billed to each sewer system user in addition to the base charge. The consumption charge shall be computed by averaging the metered monthly water consumption during the computation period. The computation period shall consist of the last complete three-month period of December, January, and February that preceded the billing date. The sum of 2,000 gallons shall be deducted from the average monthly consumption in order to compute the adjusted average. The adjusted average shall be multiplied by 90% to compute the net billing average. The net billing average charge shall be computed and billed to each customer, in addition to the base charge, according to the following schedule, in 1,000 gallon increments, subject to the gallonage included in the base rate.

First 2,000 gallons usage	included in base charge
3,000 through 7,000 gallons usage	\$2.47 per 1,000 gallons
8,000 through 18,000 gallons usage	\$2.52 per 1,000 gallons
19,000 through 50,000 gallons usage	\$2.57 per 1,000 gallons
51,000 through 75,000 gallons usage	\$2.62 per 1,000 gallons
76,000 through 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.77 per 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.92 per 1,000 gallons
<u>3,000 through 10,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons</u>
<u>11,000 through 25,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$2.55 per 1,000 gallons</u>
<u>Over 25,000 gallons usage</u>	<u>\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons</u>

- (c) The aforementioned rates for sewer service charges shall be multiplied by 1.5 for patrons receiving sewer services outside the territorial limits of the city.
- (d) Hauled or trucked wastewater. Hauled or trucked wastewater discharged directly to the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant in accordance with Section 13-105 of the Victoria City Code shall be charged at a rate of ~~\$103.39~~**115.40** per thousand gallons plus any additional applicable taxes.
- (e) Hauled or trucked grit trap waste. Hauled or trucked grit trap waste disposed of at the Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant will be charged at a rate of ~~\$51.70~~**57.70** per thousand gallons plus any additional applicable taxes.

2. All parts of the existing ordinance not specifically addressed in the foregoing amended portions of each section shall remain unchanged.

3. All parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

4. It is the intention of the City Council that this ordinance shall become a part of the Code of the City of Victoria, Texas, and it may be renumbered and codified therein accordingly, in the manner approved by the City Attorney. The Code of the City of Victoria, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

5. If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

6. This ordinance shall become effective on October 1, 2018 after final passage and approval by the City Council of the City of Victoria, Texas.

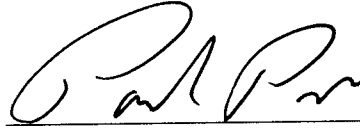
Passed, First Reading, this the 21st day of August, 2018

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

Passed, Second and Third Reading, this the 4th day of September, 2018

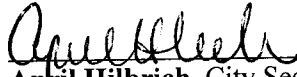
Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0

Approved and adopted, this the 4th day of September, 2018



Paul Polasek, Mayor of the
City of Victoria, Texas

Attest:

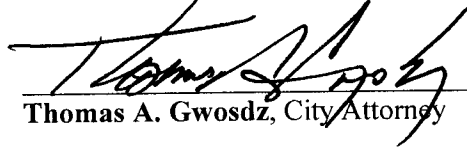


April Hilbrich, City Secretary



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