

## ORDINANCE NO. 19-038

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-004, AN ORDINANCE WHICH AMENDED CHAPTER 36, “WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL” THE WATER RATES FOR 2019, TO PROVIDE SPECIFICATION, AND CORRECT SCRIBNER’S ERROR(S) FOR CODIFICATION PURPOSES; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Galveston, Texas is authorized and required to fix uniform and adequate rates for its services; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2019, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 19-004, an Ordinance providing for revision of the City’s water, sewer and irrigation rates to sustain the provision of water and wastewater services in the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Codifier’s of the Municipal code request clarification for placement in the code pertaining to the Ordinance. Staff recommends amending Ordinance No. 19-004 to provide specification, and correct any Scribner’s error(s) in Ordinance No. 19-004; and,

**WHEREAS**, the corrections do not substantively change Ordinance No. 19-004 and are for codification purposes; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas deems it in the public interest to amend Ordinance No. 19-004 to provide specification, and correct Scribner’s error(s).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 36, “Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal” Division 4. “Rates and Charges”, shall be amended to read and provide as follows:

**Sec. 36-64. – Generally (a) Rates and Charges.**

**(1) Water.** The following schedules shall be the rate charged by the City of Galveston for all water sold by the City of Galveston for all purposes, to wit:

### **GENERAL SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 1**

Designation:                      General Service – Non- Residential

Applicable: Non-Residential, including but not limited to commercial, industrial, and governmental use within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge**, effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55
4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$ 1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
All Metered Use	\$ 4.29

**RESIDENTIAL – SCHEDULE NO. 2**

Designation: Residential

Applicable: For individually metered residential units, cottages, apartments, trailers or mobile home parks within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge**, effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55

4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date: March / 2019	Rate
First 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 1.78
Next 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 4.45
Next 1,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 6.22
All Use Above 2,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 9.26

**(2) Irrigation/Sprinkler Service.** The following schedules shall be the rate charged by the City of Galveston for irrigation/sprinkler service for all purposes, to wit:

### IRRIGATION/SPRINKLER SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 3

Designation: Irrigation/Sprinkler Service

Applicable: For any customer with a second or dedicated meter for irrigation/sprinkler use within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge**, effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55
4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date: March / 2019	Rate
First 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 4.29
Next 1,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 6.44
All Use Above 1,500 Cubic Feet	\$ 9.67

**(3) Sewer Service.** The following schedules shall be the rate charged by the City of Galveston for all sewer service provided by the City of Galveston for all purposes, to wit:

**GENERAL SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 1**

Designation: General Service – Non-Residential

Applicable: Non-Residential, including but not limited to commercial, industrial, and governmental use within the territory served by the Sewer Collection System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge,** effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 13.10
1" Meter	\$ 30.30
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 58.98
2" Meter	\$ 93.39
3" Meter	\$ 185.15
4" Meter	\$ 288.38
6" Meter	\$ 575.13
8" Meter	\$ 919.23
10" Meter	\$1,320.68
12" Meter	\$2,467.68

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the sewer system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
All Metered Use	\$ 3.42

**RESIDENTIAL – SCHEDULE NO. 2**

Designation: Residential

Applicable: For individually metered residential units, cottages, apartments, trailers or mobile home parks within the territory served by the Sewer Collection System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge**, effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4” Meter	\$ 13.10
1” Meter	\$ 30.30
1-1/2” Meter	\$ 58.98
2” Meter	\$ 93.39
3” Meter	\$ 185.15
4” Meter	\$ 288.38
6” Meter	\$ 575.13
8” Meter	\$ 919.23
10” Meter	\$1,320.68
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A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the sewer system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
All Metered Use	\$ 3.42

**Sec. 36-64. - Generally:**

(a) — *Based on consumption.* For water supplied to consumers, the rates charged per one hundred (100) cubic feet shall be as follows:

Quantity	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
First 200 cubic feet or fraction thereof	\$11.92	\$23.82

Next 3,800 cubic feet	3.12	6.22
Next 46,000 cubic feet	3.32	6.63
Next 950,000 cubic feet	3.37	6.77
All over 1,000,000 cubic feet	4.05	7.39

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**Sec. 36-65. - Minimum bill. Reserved**

The minimum monthly water bill on each connected meter shall be as follows:

Size of Meter (inches)	Minimum Consumption (Cef)	Inside City Limits	Outside City Limits
5/8	2	\$11.92	\$23.82
1	5	23.87	47.78
1½	13	47.76	95.48
2	29	95.48	190.98
3	58	190.99	381.99
4	116	381.97	763.92
6 or over	232	763.92	1,527.89

**SECTION 3.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 5.** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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DONNA M. FAIRWEATHER  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular Meeting held on July 25, 2019, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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Secretary for the City Council  
of the City of Galveston