

**ORDINANCE NO. 4397**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 23, "WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL", BY AMENDING SECTION 23-98 TO ESTABLISH RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY; AND BY AMENDING SECTION 23-168 TO ESTABLISH RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1.** That Section 23-98 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richardson, Texas, be and the same is hereby amended in part, to read as follows:

**"Sec. 23-98. - Water rates.**

The following monthly rates are hereby established and shall be collected for all water services furnished by the city, based upon cost of service and water usage:

- (1) Monthly minimum charge.....\$8.00
- (2) Water Usage:
  - (a) 0 – 11,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons .....\$6.78
  - (b) 11,001 – 20,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons. ....\$7.34
  - (c) 20,001 – 40,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons. ....\$7.65
  - (d) 40,001 – 60,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons. ....\$8.90
  - (e) All over 60,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons. ....\$9.31
- (3) Apartments will be treated and billed as a commercial water account.
- (4) Municipal water rate (city usage), per 1,000 gallons.....\$2.99
- (5) Homeowner associations responsible for maintaining common areas in a residential subdivision may make application to the water customer service office for a discount of 40 percent of the water usage charges for water used through an

irrigation meter for irrigation purposes. Such discount shall be applied to the monthly billing for such water service after the homeowner association has provided satisfactory proof of such water usage."

**SECTION 2.** That Section 23-168 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richardson, Texas, be and the same is hereby amended in part, to read as follows:

**"Sec. 23-168. - Sewerage rates.**

The following monthly rates are hereby established and shall be collected for sewer services furnished by the city, based upon cost of service and water usage.

- (1) Any residential customer that uses water that is not discharged into the wastewater system at a rate of 98 percent may do one of the following:
  - a. any customer using water that is not discharged into the wastewater system may, at the customer's expense, install a separate water meter for such use, and the volume of water as determined by such meter shall be excluded in calculating monthly sewer rates;
  - b. any customer using water that is discharged into the wastewater system and who also has a meter for water not discharged into the wastewater system, will be charged at the rate for 98 percent consumption for each month for the meter that discharges into the wastewater system but shall not be charged for the meter that does not discharge into the system.
- (2) Summary of charges:
  - a. Minimum charge.....\$8.00
  - b. Rates per 1,000 gallons and  
portion of metered water:  
0 – 11,000 gallons.....\$4.83  
All over 11,000 gallons.....\$9.57
  - c. Apartments will be treated as commercial accounts for sewer billing purposes.
  - d. A sewer cap for each residential customer will be determined annually by the use of a three-year winter average and will be in effect for a 12-month time period.

- e. The winter average will be based upon the total consumption for November, December, January, and February for the three previous years. The consumption total will be divided by 12 and then multiplied by 0.98 to determine the average.

(3) Any commercial customer that uses water that is not discharged into the wastewater system at a rate of 100 percent may do one of the following:

- a. any commercial customer using water that is not discharged into the wastewater system may, at the customer's expense, install a separate water meter for such use, and the volume of water as determined by such meter shall be excluded in calculating monthly sewer rates;
- b. any commercial customer using water that is discharged in the wastewater system at a rate less than 100 percent may, at the customer's expense, install a separate metering device for wastewater that is approved by the Director of Public Services for such use, and the volume of wastewater as determined by such metering device shall be used as a basis of charge for service.
- c. any customer using water that is discharged into the wastewater system and who also has a meter for water not discharged into the wastewater system, will be charged at the rate of 100 percent consumption for each month for the meter that discharges into the wastewater system but shall not be charged for the meter that does not discharge into the system.

(4) Municipal sewer rate (city usage) per 1,000 gallons .....\$2.99"

**SECTION 3.** That all provisions of the ordinances of the City of Richardson, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Richardson, Texas, not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of the Code of Ordinances as a whole.

**SECTION 5.** That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide; however, the water rates established herein shall take effect the first billing after November 1, 2021.

**DULY PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Richardson, Texas, on the 23rd day of August, 2021.



**APPROVED:**

  
MAYOR

**CORRECTLY ENROLLED:**

  
CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
CITY ATTORNEY  
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