

ORDINANCE NO. 27-46

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 110 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE II (WATER), DIVISION 3 (SERVICE CHARGES AND BILLING), SECTIONS 110-91 (RATE SCHEDULE) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PORT ARTHUR, AS IT PERTAINS TO DISCOUNT BENEFITING SENIOR CITIZENS RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS (REQUESTED BY COUNCILMEMBER LEWIS)**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council deems it in the public interest of the City to amend Chapter 110 (Utilities), Article II (Water), Division 3 (Service Charges and Billing), Sections 110-91 (Rate Schedule) of the Code of Ordinances as it pertains to rates for residential customers.

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

**Section 1.** That the facts and opinions in the preamble are true and correct.

**Section 2.** That Chapter 110 (Utilities), Article II (Water), Division 3 (Service Charges and Billing), Sections 110-91 (Rate Schedule) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, is hereby amended as delineated in Exhibit "A".

**Section 3.** All Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

**Section 4.** That this being an Ordinance which requires publication, its caption shall be published at least one (1) time within ten (10) days after final passage hereof in the official newspaper of the City of Port Arthur, and this Ordinance shall take effect October 1, 2024, which is after the date of publication.

**Section 6.** That a copy of the caption of the Ordinance be spread upon the Minutes of the City Council.

**READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED** on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., A.D., 2024,

at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

Mayor: Bartel; Mayor Pro Tem Beckson;

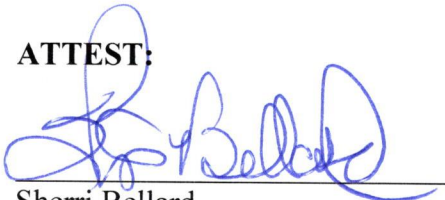
Councilmembers: Lewis, Hamilton Everfield, Isuel  
and Kinlaw.

**NOES:**

None

  
Thurman Bill Bartie  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Sherri Bellard  
City Secretary

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

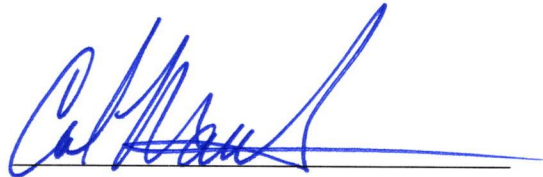


Roxann Pais Cotroneo  
City Attorney

**APPROVED FOR ADMINISTRATION:**



Ronald Burton, CPM  
City Manager



Calvin Matthews, P.E.  
Director of Water Utilities

EXHIBIT "A"

## Section 110-91. – Rate Schedule

Insert in Section (1) *In the city*: the following Subsection d.

d. Senior citizen customers residing inside city limits and in a single-family residence who are of the age of sixty- five (65) years old or greater will receive a flat discount on the Water Bill of six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) per month. To obtain the senior citizen's discount, persons eligible must apply every four years with valid proof of a residential account held in the name of the senior for real property for which such individual has a current homestead exemption or a current lease held in his/her name. Upon application approval by the Utility Manager, the senior citizen's discount rate shall be applicable for the next billing cycle. The senior citizen water bill discount program is effective on October 1, 2024. Only one Senior Citizen Water Discount can be applied for per person and account.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-46**

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 110 (Utilities), Article II (Water), Division 3 (Service Charges And Billing), Sections 110-91 (Rate Schedule) Of The Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Port Arthur, As It Pertains To Discount Benefiting Senior Citizens Residential Customers (Requested By Councilmember Lewis)

READ, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 10 th day of September 2024 at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Port Arthur, Texas, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Bartie; Mayor Pro Tem Beckcom; Councilmembers Lewis, Everfield, Doucet, Kinlaw and Frank.

NOES: None.

/s/ Thurman Bartie

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Sherri Bellard

City Secretary

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