

ORDINANCE NO. 3298

AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES, BY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 11, 2021 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WAXAHACHIE TEXAS:

That Section 33 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Waxahachie, is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 33-33. Deposits required.

Residential: A deposit of ninety-two dollars (\$92.00) is required for regular residential service. A deposit of sixty-nine dollars (\$69.00) is required for accounts with wastewater and trash collection service. A deposit of forty-three dollars (\$43.00) is required for trash collection service only. The billing department may adjust the amount of deposit based on payment history.

Residential New Construction: A deposit of one hundred fifty-nine dollars (\$159.00) is required for each new construction residential account.

Apartments, Commercial, and Industrial: The billing department may require higher amounts; however, deposits are generally based on meter size as follows:

up to 1" water meter	\$238.00
1 ½" water meter	\$357.00
2" water meter	\$594.00
3" water meter	\$1,187.00
4" water meter	\$2,373.00
6" water meter	\$3,559.00
8" water meter	\$7,117.00
10" water meter or larger	\$11,861.00
Fire Hydrant meter with RPZ *	\$2,147.00

*Customer will be responsible for the cost of any damages incurred while meter is in their possession.

No interest shall be paid on deposits. No deposit is required for other government entities. The billing department may waive the deposit for separate irrigation meters.

That Section 33-36 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Waxahachie is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 33-36. Water and Wastewater Rates.

(A) **Water inside city:** From and after the effective date of this ordinance, uniform monthly water rates which shall prevail to all City of Waxahachie water customers are:

MONTHLY WATER RATES:

(1) **Minimum water bill for the first fifteen hundred (1,500) gallons of usage (all accounts):**

up to 1" water meter	\$19.71
1 ½" water meter	\$44.02
2" water meter	\$64.61
3" water meter	\$125.62

4" water meter	\$259.88
6" water meter	\$505.40
8" water meter	\$874.40
10" water meter or larger	\$1,367.02
Fire Hydrant meter	\$216.40

(2) The amount shown for the first fifteen hundred gallons of consumption in the above schedule shall constitute a minimum bill for each customer. Billing shall be made in hundreds of gallons. Irrigation meters using less than 200 gallons per month will not be charged.

(3) Residential and sprinkler system meters will be subject to the following rates:

1,501 - 10,000	\$5.19
10,001 – 20,000	\$6.02
20,001 - 30,000	\$6.82
30,001 – 40,000	\$7.56
40,001 & above	\$8.56

Non-irrigation apartment meters, and commercial/industrial meters will be charged at a rate of \$5.19 per thousand gallons for all monthly usage above 1,500 gallons.

(B) Wastewater inside city: From and after the effective date of this ordinance, sewer charges to apply to each dwelling unit for all single family and duplex residential connections all mobile home parks or apartment complexes, and all commercial and industrial customers shall be as follows:

Monthly Wastewater Rates

Water Usage	Apartments, Mobile Home, Single-Family and Duplex Residence (Per Dwelling Unit)
First 1,500 gallons	\$24.88 (minimum charge)
Over 1,500 to 11,000 gallons	\$4.38 per 1,000 gallons
All over 11,000 gallons, maximum billing per dwelling	\$66.51

When there is a single billing for more than one (1) residence, each unit is to receive a one thousand five hundred-gallon credit before additional charges are made, not to exceed eleven thousand (11,000) gallons per unit.

Water Usage	Commercial	Industrial	Industrial Cost Recovery Per 1,000 Gallons
First 1,500 gallons	\$24.88 (minimum charge)	\$24.88 (minimum charge)	\$0.21 (minimum charge)
All usage over 1,500 gallons	\$4.38 per 1,000 gallons	\$4.38 per 1,000 gallons	\$0.21 per 1,000 gallons

That Section 33-40 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Waxahachie is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 33-40. Late charges; service restored upon payment of bill; fee for returned checks; fee for replacement of cut-off valve; fire hydrant meter set fee; broken curb stop fee; cut lock fee; reread meter service charge; tampering penalty.

(a) Late Fee. Payment for utility service shall be due fourteen (14) days after the billing date. Any account with a balance due fourteen (14) days after the due date shall be assessed a penalty of \$10.00. If such date falls on the weekend or legal holiday, then payment is due the next business day.

(b) Disconnection for Nonpayment: Any account with a balance due greater than \$130.00, twenty-one (21) days after the billing date, shall be subject to disconnection. The past due amount plus a reconnect fee of \$41.00 (\$74.00 after regular office hours) must be paid prior to reconnection of services.

(c) Return Connection Fee: Customers are encouraged but not required to be present (or have a representative present) anytime service is reestablished (This is recommended in order to prevent flooding and water damage that could result from interior faucets being left in the “on” position, hanging toilets floats, leaks and other conditions that could arise subsequent to the disconnection.) In the event the customer or a designated representative (a) cannot be located on-site when the service is reconnected and (b) the meter registers usage after the service has been reestablished and thus presents the risk of water damage, the service will be turned back off and the customer will be notified of the problem and asked to reschedule the reconnection. Subsequent trips to reestablish service will be subject to a Return Reconnection Fee of \$41.00 each if performed during working hours or \$74.00 if performed after working hours. This fee is applicable when service has been disconnected for nonpayment; when service to a new account is established or when service has been disconnected at the request of the customer.

(d) Return Check Fee. In the event the bank does not honor a customer’s check for any service or good provided by the City, a \$35.00 fee will be charged.

(e) Replacement of Cut-off Valve. In the event a customer has damaged a cut-off valve or curb stop to the point the valve must be replaced, then, the customer shall be billed a one hundred thirty dollar (\$130.00) replacement fee, plus the actual cost of materials to replace the damaged item. In the event a customer has broken a cut-off valve for the purpose of removing a lock, an additional tampering penalty of \$152.00 (see “(j)” below) must be paid before service is restored.

(f) Fire hydrant meter set fee: \$38.00

(g) Meter Box Replacement Fee: \$130.00 plus actual materials cost

(h) Cut lock fee: \$152.00

(i) Reread meter service charge: \$18.00

(j) Tampering penalty: \$152.00

(k) New account fee: \$19.00

(l) Sokoll Rate fee: \$1.30 per 1,000 gallons

(m) Solid Waste fee: \$11.43 (*excluding sales tax)

That Section 33-43 of the Code of Ordinances, City of Waxahachie is hereby amended to read as follows:

SECTION 33-43. Fees for tapping, street cutting and road boring.

(a) Tapping fees shall be amended as follows:

(1) For water:

Cost of materials and labor to be provided by the private property owner / private developer and the registered utility contractor.

(2) For sewer:

Cost of materials and labor to be provided by the private property owner / private developer and the registered utility contractor.

(3) All meters will be sized in accordance with the director of utilities and/or city building official. This includes all new construction, industrial and commercial; all remodeling of existing structures which may require additional water service; and all irrigation/sprinkler systems.

(4) Meter set fee:
5/8 x 3/4-inch meter, box, and set fee: Six hundred dollars (\$600.00)
1-inch and larger: Cost of materials and labor to be provided by the private property owner / private developer and the registered utility contractor.

(b) Street cutting fees shall be as follows:

(1) Asphalt or seal coated street repair:
Thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) per linear foot with a three hundred ten dollar (\$310.00) minimum or actual cost.

(2) Concrete street repair:
Forty-three dollars (\$43.00) per linear foot with a four hundred twenty-five dollar (\$425.00) minimum or actual cost.

(c) Road boring fees:
Cost of materials and labor to be provided by the private property owner / private developer and the registered utility contractor.

(d) Fee for sending a crew and equipment to locate and/or remove an existing water and/or sewer tap/service is:
Three hundred seventy-five dollars (\$375.00)

(e) Fee for bull head 1-inch water service:
Eight hundred fifty dollars (\$850.00)

(f) Fee for water and/or sewer utility investigations:
Sixty-five dollars (\$65.00)

(g) Industrial pretreatment permits and permit amendment fees:
One hundred forty dollars (\$140.00) per permit year.

(h) Surcharge fees:
Conventional Pollutants of BOD, TSS and Fats, Oils, and Grease in excess of 240 mg/l, 270 mg/l, and 20 mg/l respectively in any waste stream discharged to POTW, will be surcharged at the following rates:

BOD: Twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per pound.
TSS: Twenty-eight cents (\$0.28) per pound.
Fats, Oil, and Grease: Twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per pound.

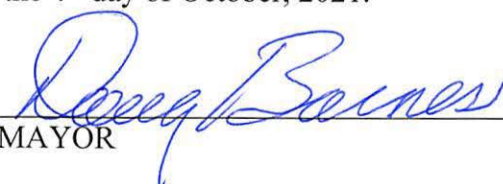
(i) Industrial sampling and resampling fees:
One hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) per event.

(j) Waste hauler permitting fee:
One hundred fifty-five dollars (\$155.00) for first truck; and
Ninety-five dollars (\$95.00) additional trucks.


(k) Meter Testing Fee
Fifty dollars (\$50.00) plus the cost of the test up front (per test). If the test concludes that the meter is outside of the scope of the current American Water Works Association (AWWA) standards, the fee and the cost of the test will be reimbursed through the citizen's water bill in the form of a credit.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 4th day of October, 2021.




MAYOR

ATTEST:


City Secretary