

ORDINANCE NO. 2586

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND WASTEWATER FEES, BY AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF WAXAHACHIE, AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 1ST, 2010 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:

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

SECTION 33-33. Deposits required.

Residential:

A deposit of \$80.00 is required for regular residential service. A deposit of \$60.00 is required for accounts with wastewater and trash collection service. A deposit of \$40.00 is required for trash collection service only. The billing department may adjust the amount of deposit based on payment history.

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	\$200.00
1 ½" water meter	\$300.00
2" water meter	\$500.00
3" water meter	\$1,000.00
4" water meter	\$2,000.00
6" water meter	\$3,000.00
8" water meter	\$6,000.00
10" water meter or larger	\$10,000.00
Fire Hydrant meter with RPZ	\$1,500.00

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" meter	\$13.65
1 ½" water meter	\$30.55
2" water meter	\$44.88
3" water meter	\$87.24

4" water meter	\$180.73
6" water meter	\$351.47
8" water meter	\$608.22
10" water meter	\$950.93
Fire Hydrant meter	\$28.00

- (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	\$3.59
10,001 – 20,000	\$4.14
20,001 – 30,000	\$4.71
30,001 – 40,000	\$5.27
40,001 & above	\$5.84

Non-irrigation apartment meters, and commercial / industrial meters will be charged at a rate of \$3.59 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	\$19.28 (minimum charge)
Over 1,500 to 11,000 gallons	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons
All over 11,000 gallons, maximum billing per dwelling:	\$51.58

When there is a single billing for more than one residence, each unit is to receive a 1,500 gallon credit before additional charges are made, not to exceed 11,000 gallons per unit.

<u>Water Usage</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	<u>Industrial Cost Recovery Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
First 1,500 gallons	\$19.28 (minimum charge)	\$19.28 (minimum charge)	\$0.16 per 1,000 gallons
All usage over 1,500 gallons	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons	\$3.40 per 1,000 gallons	\$0.16 per 1,000 gallons

Should any customer use water not discharged into the sanitary sewer system, such customer may, at their expense, install a separate meter for such use, and the volume of water so used shall not be considered in calculating monthly sewer rates. In the event a commercial or industrial customer desires a sewage meter be installed, the customer must do it at their expense, and the charges for sewer shall be based on sewage metered rather than on water billed.

Should any industrial customer in any one month, discharge sewage at a rate greater than two (2) times its average annual rate, the industrial cost recovery rate shall be charged as the demand for reserved capacities in sanitary sewer collection and treatment system.

- (4) Water and / or sewer outside city: The monthly service rates or charges for services furnished by waterworks system and / or sanitary sewer system to customers residing outside the corporate limits of the City of Waxahachie, shall be computed on the basis of two (2) times the charges which would be made for a like amount of services under the forgoing schedules for customers residing within the corporate limits of the city.

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 set fee; broken curbstop fee; cut lock fee; reread meter service charge; tampering fine

(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 \$5.00. If such date falls on the weekend or legal holiday, then payment is due the next business day.

(b) Reconnect Fee. Any account with a balance due greater than \$110.00, twenty-one (21) days after the billing date, shall be subject to disconnection. The past due amount and a reconnect fee of \$28.00 (\$56.00 after regular office hours) must be paid prior to reconnection of service.

(c) Return Check Fee. In the event the bank does not honor a customer's check, a \$23.00 fee will be charged.

(d) 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 \$54.00 replacement fee. In the event a customer has broken a cut-off valve for the purpose of removing a lock, an additional fine of \$54.00 must be paid before service is restored.

(e) Fire hydrant set fee: \$27.00

(f) Broken curbstop fee: \$85.00

(g) Cut lock fee: \$110.00

(h) Reread meter service charge: \$13.00

(i) Tampering fine: \$110.00

(j) New account fee: \$13.00

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:
5/8 inch – 3/4 inch service lines are no longer allowed.
1-inch service line: \$711.00
1 1/2 - inch and larger service lines and meter:
Cost of materials and labor as determined by the Director of Utilities
Or City Public Works Director
- (2) For sewer:
4 inch tap - \$521.00
Larger than 4 inch:
Cost of materials and labor as determined by the Director of Utilities
or City Public Works Director

- (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 and set fee: \$185.00
1-inch and larger: Cost of materials and labor as determined by the Director of Utilities or City Public Works Director.

(B) Street cutting fees shall be as follows:

(1) Asphalt or seal coated street repair - \$24.00 per linear foot with a \$250.00 minimum.

(2) Concrete street repair - \$35.00 per linear foot with a \$350.00 minimum.

(C) Road boring fees: \$15.00 per foot per inch diameter pipe with a \$360.00 minimum

(D) Fee for sending a crew and equipment to locate an existing water and/or sewer tap/service is \$225.00.

(E) Fee for Bull head 1-inch water service - \$400.00

(F) Fee for Water and/or Sewer utility investigations - \$50.00. If tap(s) are made or service is activated within 90 days of the investigation, this fee may be applied to the tap or meter set fee.

(G) Industrial Pretreatment Permit and Permit amendment Fees - \$120.00 per permit year

(H) Surcharge Fees:

BOD	\$.21 per pound
TSS	\$.21 per pound
Oil & Grease	\$.19 per pound

(I) Industrial Sampling and re-sampling fees - \$105.00 per event


(J) Waste hauler permitting fee - \$130.00 for first truck and \$80.00 additional trucks

(K) Waste hauler disposal fee - \$.06 per gallon

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the 29TH day of September, 2010.



MAYOR


City Secretary