

CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS  
ORDINANCE NO. 1686

AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 12 FEE SCHEDULE, SECTION 12-42. – CHAPTER 42, UTILITIES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF WATAUGA, TEXAS, REGARDING WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF WATAUGA WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEM; PROVIDING THAT ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith ARE HEREBY REPEALED TO THE EXTENT THEY ARE IN CONFLICT; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas as follows:

I.

Section 12-42. – Chapter 42, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Watauga, Texas shall be amended to read as follows:

**Section 12-42. – Chapter 42, Utilities**

**(a) Water Rates**

*(1) Billing policy where only one user or building is tied to the same meter:*

- (a) The monthly bill will be computed as follows: The minimum bill taken from Schedule A plus a volume charge of \$5.01 per 100 cubic feet on monthly volume greater than the minimum volume from Schedule A for all customers.
- (b) Residential customers who have attained the age of 65 and reside in owner occupied property within the City will be eligible for a \$5.00 discount for water service on their monthly bill when proof of eligibility is provided to the City.

SCHEDULE A  
Water Rate Schedule  
Effective March 1, 2019

Meter size (inches)	¾ “	1”	1 ¼”	1 ½”	2”	3”	4”	6”/8”
Minimum Bill*	\$15.70	\$21.26	\$28.33	\$57.76	\$75.03	\$137.16	\$227.59	\$579.99
Volume*	267	345	460	937	1,300	2,400	4,000	10,000

\*Volume included in minimum bill (base charge)

(2) *Billing policy where more than one user or building is tied onto the same meter:*

It shall be the policy of Watauga to bill each home, homes, duplex, triplex, offices or any other buildings where more than one user is tied onto the same water meter at \$15.70 per month for each customer unit for water, plus a monthly volume charge of \$5.01 per 100 cubic feet of water used by the building.

(3) *Billing for apartment complexes and mobile home parks:*

\$15.70 per month per apartment or mobile home plus a monthly volume charge of \$5.01 per 100 cubic feet of water used by the apartment complex or park.

Apartment or mobile home park owner shall furnish a certified statement of occupancy prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Failure to file occupancy statement will result in billing for 100% occupancy.

**(b) Sewer Rates**

(1) *Minimum monthly service charge.* The monthly bill will be computed as follows: The minimum monthly service charge will be \$17.36 for all customers. Residential Customers who have attained the age of 65 and reside in owner-occupied property within the City are eligible for a \$5.00 discount for sewer service on their monthly bill when proof of eligibility is provided to the City.

(2) *Volume Charge.*

(a) A monthly volume charge shall also be charged to all customers in the amount of \$2.99 per 100 cubic feet of water used or wastewater produced.

(b) The monthly volume charge for residential customers will be based on the lesser of the calculated average monthly water consumption billed during the winter quarter months of December, January and February, or actual water usage during the month. The volumes used to compute these charges are based on the amount of water used by the residential customer as measured by a meter. Where the previous winter quarter average is not available from the records, the volume to be used for the monthly volume charge shall be 900 cubic feet.

(3) *Determination of water use for commercial and industrial customers.* The monthly charges to commercial and industrial customers will be based on water use for each month as measured by appropriate meters, with the provision that, if a customer can show to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works that a significant portion of the metered water usage does not enter the sanitary sewer system, the customer will be charged only for that volume entering the wastewater system, as determined by a method approved by the Director of Public Works.

(4) *Industrial waste.* All industrial users: To be served on the system only by specific contract approved by the city council for the particular industrial sewage or water involved.

- (5) *Waste creating unusual conditions or problems.* In the event a commercial customer is introducing sewage into the wastewater system that creates unusual conditions or problems such as excessive oils, grease or chemicals, the director of public works shall advise the customer of his options which are available to the commercial customer to remedy the existing condition. Those options include the following:
- (a) To correct at his own expense the conditions causing the excess.
  - (b) To pay a monthly rate, to be determined by the Director of Public Works, to the City equal to the expense of maintaining and/or treating the excessive waste.
- (6) *Billing policy where more than one user or building is tied onto the same water meter.* It shall be the policy of the City to bill each home, homes, duplex, triplex, offices, or any other buildings where more than one user is tied onto the same water meter at \$17.36 per month for each customer unit for sewer, plus a monthly charge to be calculated as noted in subsection (2)(b) above.
- (7) *Billing for apartment and mobile home parks.*
- (a) \$17.36 per month per apartment or mobile home plus a monthly volume charge of \$2.99 per 100 cubic feet of water used by the apartment complex or park.
  - (b) The apartment or mobile home park owner shall furnish a certified statement of occupancy prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month. Failure to file the occupancy statement will result in billing for 100% occupancy.

## II.

This Ordinance shall be and is hereby cumulative of all other ordinances of the City of Watauga, Texas and this Ordinance shall not operate to repeal or affect any of such other ordinances except insofar as the provisions thereof might be inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, in which event such conflicting provisions, if any, in such other Ordinances or Ordinances are hereby repealed.

## III.

Should any portion or part of this Ordinances be held for any reasons to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not be construed to affect any other valid portion thereof, but all valid portions hereof shall remain in full force and effect.

## IV.

This Ordinance shall become effective and shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of passage and adoption by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas, and upon approval thereof by the Mayor of the City of Watauga, TX and publication hereof as prescribed by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Watauga, Texas this, the  
14<sup>th</sup> day of ~~March~~, 2019.  
*February*

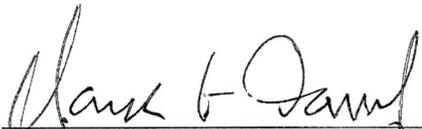
APPROVED:

  
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DAVID GRIFFIN, MAYOR PRO-TEM

ATTEST:

  
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ZOLAINA R. PARKER, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

  
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MARK G. DANIEL, CITY ATTORNEY

