

**ORDINANCE NO. 5244**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 114 UTILITIES, ARTICLE II RATES AND CHARGES,  
SECTIONS 114-52; 114-55; 114-59; 114-61 AND ADDING SECTION 114-63 OF THE  
CITY OF MISSION CODE OF ORDINANCES, PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY  
AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSION, TEXAS  
THAT:

**Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-52 Deposit required be amended as follows:**

- (a) All consumers shall be required to make a deposit, in advance, that shall be sufficient to insure against a loss due to non-payment of water, sewer rental charge, and refuse disposal bills. This deposit shall not draw interest. Consumers shall pay the deposit as follows:
- (1) *Residential home owners*: \$100.00 regardless of water meter size and includes residential sprinkler accounts and a \$20.00 service fee.
  - (2) *Residential rental properties(tenants)*: \$150.00 regardless of water meter size and includes residential sprinkler accounts and a \$20.00 service fee.
  - (3) *Traveling Meters*: \$300 deposit for all traveling meter accounts and a \$30 service fee.
  - (4) *Commercial consumers*:

Size of Commercial Building	Deposit Required
Building less than 2,000 sq. feet	\$150.00 and \$20.00 service fee
Building greater than 2,000 sq. feet but less than 5,000 sq. feet	\$250.00 and \$20.00 service fee
Building greater than 5,000 sq. feet but less than 10,000 sq. feet	\$350.00 and \$20.00 service fee
Building greater than 10,000 sq. feet	\$500.00 and \$20.00 service fee
School, Hospitals, and Trailer Parks	\$250.00 and \$20.00 service fee

- (b) A consumer changing his residence or place of business and having a deposit shall have the right to present his deposit receipt at the office and pay the final bill, to have such deposit transferred to his new residence or place of business.

**Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-54 Rates and charges enumerated be amended as follows:**

- (a) Customer classes. The following customer classes are created to properly identify different types of water usage and sewer discharge customers within the city. The customer classes shall be as follows:

Class	Code
Residential	A1
Commercial	A2
Institutional/government	A3
Trailer park master meter	A4
Industrial	A5
Other Water Service Provider	A6
Outside	A8
Inactive	A9

These customer classes shall be used in the water and sewer rates tables that follow.

- (b) Sanitary sewer rates.

- (1) *Sanitary sewer connection permit fee*. For all original sewer connection permits, the following fee schedule will apply:

Size of Connecting Line	Amount of Charge
4-inch	\$ 200.00
6-inch	\$ 230.00
Larger than 6-inch	See below

A minimum fee as determined by the city manager or city engineer shall be paid by the user or owner of the property being connected before the connection shall be made.

And delete (2) Sewer average and multiplication factors.

- (2) Rates:

In cases where a water meter, regardless of water provider, is not in place, not operational, or a flat fee of \$26.00 per month will be charged for sewer services until such time that a meter is installed or repaired, after which the customer will be charged for sewer services as outlined in the preceding paragraph.

For all other classes of customers, the variable sewage discharge amount shall be equal to the water consumption for that billing period multiplied by a multiplication factor shown in the rate table adopted under Ordinance 3402.

- a. For each connection to the city's sewer system there shall be a minimum monthly charge shown in the following table as the fixed rate and a monthly volume charge shown in the table as a variable rate. The monthly volume charge shall be calculated by multiplying the variable rate times the water consumption, times the multiplication factor shown.

Sewer Rate Table

Class	Fixed Rate	Variable	Sewage Quantity	Multiplication Factor
A1 Single Res.	9.00	1.45	Water consumption	1.0
A2 Commercial	11.50	2.50	Water consumption	1.0
A3 Inst. Gov.	9.00	1.45	Water consumption	1.0
A4 Trailer Park	9.00	1.45	Water consumption	1.0
A5 Industrial	11.50	3.18	Water consumption	1.0
A8 Outside	26.00	N/A	Flat Rate	N/A
A9 Inactive	9.00	1.45	Water consumption	1.0

- b. In addition to monthly charges shown elsewhere, the following rates per month or fraction thereof shall be charged for sewer users with sanitary dumping stations. For each sanitary sewage dumping station, there shall be a monthly charge of \$30.00.

(c) Water rate:

- (1) *Water connection fee.* A charge shall be made by the city utilities department for each new tapping of the water main for a connection, such charge to be determined by the size of the meter connection and the character of the surface of the street or alley in which the connection is to be located. A tap shall include all pipe not in excess of 80 feet, valves, fittings, meter and box, and other materials (not including paving repairs) necessary to convey water from the main to the meter. If the main is in the street, the meter shall be set one foot inside the curb line, if in the alley one foot off the property line in the alley. The following shall be used to determine the minimum charge for making taps, such charge being payable in advance:

Size of Meter	Minimum Charge Inside	Outside
5/8-inch	\$ 450.00	\$ 650.00
¾-inch	\$ 480.00	\$ 680.00
1-inch	\$ 550.00	\$ 750.00
1½-inch	\$ 650.00	\$ 850.00
2-inch	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 2,000.00
3-inch or larger	At market price	At market price
Compound Meters – 2-inch	\$ 2,700.00	\$ 3,000.00
Compound Meters – 3-inch or larger	At market price	At market price

Any meter connection larger than two inches shall be made under specific contract between the consumer and the city and shall be the actual cost of the installation. If at any time it is necessary to cut paved streets in order to install a water connection, a charge of \$12.00 per linear foot shall be made for asphalt and \$15.00 per linear foot for concrete paving, to defray the cost of patch in the street. A charge of \$12.00 per linear foot shall be made by the city utility department for the underground boring for water lines ranging from three quarters of an inch to two inches in diameter across city streets, highways, alleys and other paved or concreted surface areas as needed to provide service.

- (2) Rates: A minimum charge per month, or fraction thereof, shall be made for each connection with the mains of the city water system. This charge shall be based on the size of the service connections and be as follows:

Size of Meter for Residential, Institutional, Government, Trailer Park	Charge	
	Inside	Outside
Up to ¾ inch for 999 gals. or less (including, but not limited)	\$11.50	\$ 14.44
1 inch	12.44	15.63
1 ½ inch	34.73	49.80
2 inch	43.85	62.89
3 inch	62.15	89.11
4 inch	80.39	115.17
6 inch	130.06	186.44
8 inch	519.15	744.10

Size of Meter for Commercial, Industrial	Charge	
	Inside	Outside
Up to ¾ inch for 999 gals. or less (including, but not limited)	\$12.50	\$ 15.62
1 inch	13.46	16.91
1 ½ inch	37.57	53.87
2 inch	47.43	68.03
3 inch	67.24	96.40
4 inch	86.97	124.59
6 inch	140.71	201.69
8 inch	561.62	804.98

This charge will entitle such customer to receive up to nine hundred ninety-nine (999) gallons of water. The above minimum charges do not apply on connections for automatic sprinkler systems installed and used for fire protection only for which the monthly charge shall be \$0.75 per inch in diameter of the service connection.

In addition to the minimum charge described in the preceding paragraph, the following rates per month shall be the rates charged for water furnished under the standard water rate to the water consumers

connected to the city's water system.

RATE TABLE VARIABLE RATE  
MONTHLY USAGE (GALLONS)

Class	From 999 to 19,999	From 20,000 +
A1 Single Residence	2.25	2.50
A2 Commercial	2.50	2.75
A3 Inst/Gov.	2.25	2.50
A4 Trailer Park	2.25	2.50
A5 Industrial	2.50	2.75
A8 Outside	2.87	3.26
A9 Inactive	2.25	2.50

And delete (d) Affidavit of unoccupancy. In its entirety to include the table.

**Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-55 When payment due; notice of nonpayment; disconnection; reconnection; accuracy testing be amended as follows:**

- (a) *Meter reading and payments.* Meters shall be read monthly and customers will be billed for the previous month. This bill is due within 20 days from the date of mailing on the bill. If this bill is not paid within 20 days, each customer will be notified in writing and assessed a 5% late fee, to the last known address. Unless the bill is paid within ten days of notice, their meter will be disconnected for nonpayment. It will not be turned on again until the bill is paid in full and an additional charge of \$25.00 is paid for turning off such meter.
- (b) *Accuracy testing for meters; fee.* Any customer of the water system requesting that the meter serving such customer be tested by the city shall be charged a fee of \$20.00 per test. If any test required to be paid for by the customer results in a finding that such meter is defective to an extent that creates a substantial disadvantage to the consumer, then the fee to be paid by the consumer shall be waived. The term "substantial disadvantage," as used in this subsection, shall mean that the water charge calculated based on the original meter reading resulted in a 25 percent overcharge to the customer.

**Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-59 Unauthorized reconnects be amended as follows:**

- (a) Failure to pay for any utility service or part thereof on time shall subject customer to termination of such service, and a disconnection fee of \$5.00 shall be charged thereupon.
- (b) Upon unauthorized reconnection of service, the service meter shall be removed by the city, and a charge of \$50.00 shall be levied prior to connection of such service.
- (c) If meter is found to be tampered with or disconnection lock has been broken, a charge of \$50.00 shall be levied on customers account.

**Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-61 Continuing charges be amended as follows:**

All meters, unless they are officially disconnected, shall be charged for water, sewer and garbage services. There will be a \$20.00 fee for all customer-originated service calls or services to a customer's facilities. There shall be a connection fee of \$20.00 for all connections.  
(Code 1976, § 34-47)

**Add Chapter 114 Utilities; Article II – Rates and Charges, Section 114-63 Meter Boxes/Lids as follows:**

Meter boxes that have been found to be damaged and need to be replaced, shall be charged a \$50.00 replacement fee to the customer's account. If only the lid needs to be replaced, the fee shall be \$25.00.

**SECTION 3:** Should any word, phrase, clause, or part of this ordinance be declared unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions of said ordinance shall remain in full force and effect and to such extent are declared severable.

**SECTION 4:** Should any provision or part of this ordinance be in conflict with any prior ordinance of the City of Mission, or part thereof; such prior ordinance shall be repealed to the extent of such conflict and the language of this ordinance shall be controlling.

**SECTION 5:** This ordinance shall become effective 1st day of January, 2023

**SECTION 6:** This ordinance shall be recognized as cumulative of all ordinances relative to Chapter 114, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Mission.

READ, CONSIDERED AND APPROVED this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.



*Norie Gonzalez Garza*  
Norie Gonzalez Garza, Mayor

ATTEST:

*Anna Carrillo*

Anna Carrillo, City Secretary