

# **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-17**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF RICHMOND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08 ESTABLISHING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE RATES FOR THE CITY OF RICHMOND, TEXAS AND ORDERING OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO RENDERING WATER, SEWER AND GARBAGE SERVICE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

CITY OF RICHMOND ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08 APPROVED June 20, 2011, IS HEREBY AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

## **SECTION 1.**

The monthly rates to be charged and collected by the City of Richmond, from all customers obtaining service from the City are hereby fixed as set forth below:

### **WATER RATES**

Minimum Bill - all customers are assessed a minimum bill based on their meter size.

See table below:

5/8" Meter	\$15.00 minimum monthly charge
1" Meter	\$21.00 minimum monthly charge
1.5" Meter	\$27.00 minimum monthly charge
2" Meter	\$43.50 minimum monthly charge
3" Meter	\$165.00 minimum monthly charge
4" Meter	\$210.00 minimum monthly charge
6" Meter	\$315.00 minimum monthly charge
8" Meter	\$435.00 minimum monthly charge
10" Meter	\$600.00 minimum monthly charge

Volumetric Rates - Customers are also billed a fee based on their respective consumption amounts based on customer classification. See table below:

### **Residential Volumetric Rates**

First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	See minimum bill table above
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$ 2.62 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 5,000	\$ 2.87 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 10,000	\$ 3.12 per 1,000 gallons

Usage per 1,000 gallons over 20,000	\$ 3.37 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$ 3.62 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 75,000	\$ 3.87 per 1,000 gallons

**Irrigation Volumetric Rates**

First 5,000 gallons	\$ 3.46 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 5,000	\$ 3.71 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 10,000	\$ 3.96 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 20,000	\$ 4.21 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 50,000	\$ 4.46 per 1,000 gallons
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 75,000	\$ 4.71 per 1,000 gallons

**Volumetric Rates for All other Classes**

Schools	\$1.57 per 1,000 gallons
Government	\$4.40 per 1,000 gallons
Cooling Towers	\$5.08 per 1,000 gallons
Commercial	\$2.34 per 1,000 gallons
Industrial	\$3.79 per 1,000 gallons

The rates for customers outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the City rate set forth above.

**SURFACE WATER RATES**

A fee of \$.75 per thousand gallons will be assessed as a groundwater reduction fee. This fee will be retained to meet the requirements set forth by the Fort Bend Subsidence District in reducing groundwater pumpage.

**SEWER RATES**

**Residential Rates**

First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$20.00 minimum monthly charge
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$ 3.00 volumetric rate

Residential Customer Sewer Rates are determined by winter water consumption for months January, February, and March.

New customers, with no historical usage, are billed for wastewater usage at the City's overall winter water consumption.

Commercial Rates	
First 2,000 gallons (minimum)	\$20.00 minimum monthly charge
Usage per 1,000 gallons over 2,000	\$ 3.00 volumetric rate

Commercial Rates are billed based on monthly water consumption.

The rates for customers outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the City rate set forth above.

**GARBAGE RATES**

Single family residential	\$19.00
Additional Poly Carts	\$ 6.00 each per month
Multi-family residential	Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pick ups.
Shops and small business establishments	Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pick ups.
All others, including large shops, stores, restaurants, and other commercial businesses	Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pick ups.

**DUMPSTER RENTAL RATE**

Monthly rates will be set according to volume and frequency of pick ups.

**SPECIAL PICK UP**

AT COST

The rate for customers outside the City of Richmond shall be two (2) times the City rate set forth above.

**SECTION 2. TAPPING FEES will be as follows:**

5/8 inch - 3/4 inch Water Tap	\$700.00
1 inch water tap or larger	Cost

4 inch sewer tap	\$700.00
6 inch sewer tap or larger	Cost
Manholes	Cost

**SECTION 2a. PRE-EXISTING OR OWNER/SUBDIVISION PROVIDED TAPS**

There shall be no charge for pre-existing water and sewer taps which were installed during subdivision construction and provided by the subdivision owner. However, a water and wastewater impact fee will be assessed for each tap. Future installations of utility services to be dedicated to the City by owner/contractor shall not require tap fees, but will similarly be charged impact fees. Any taps constructed and provided by the City shall be charged at the current tapping fees and impact fees assessed.

**SECTION 2b. BULK WATER**

No deposit will be required for bulk water purchased at the City of Richmond Fire Department. Bulk water customers will be charged \$5.00 per one thousand (1,000) gallons assessed for the usage of bulk water within city limits. At the discretion of the City of Richmond, a construction meter may be set for construction purposes with a deposit of a minimum of \$500.

**SECTION 2c. FROZEN PIPES**

No deductions will be made for the time any service pipe may be frozen. No deductions will be made for running water to prevent pipes from freezing.

**SECTION 3. DEPOSITS**

The deposit required for **residential** services is **ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$150.00)** Senior citizens, age 65 years or above shall be required to pay a fee of **SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$75.00)** for services. The deposit will be offset against any balance on the customer=s account upon disconnection or termination of the account, any remainder of deposit shall be mailed to the customer. The amount of the required deposit for all commercial/industrial/ or combination residential and commercial/industrial service shall be based upon the estimated water, wastewater (sewer) and solid waste charges for two (2) months.

**SECTION 3a. DISCOUNTS**

Persons over the age of sixty-five (65) years shall receive a discount of five dollars

(\$5.00) on single-family residential water service and five dollars (\$5.00) on single-family residential sewer service, upon application to the utility billing department.

**SECTION 4.**

City Manager or Finance Director shall have the authority to adjust monthly charges on water or sewer due to excess usage from leakage on the customer side of connection. Adjustment will be calculated from the last twelve (12) months billing cycles and averaged. Adjustments will be limited to one (1) time, per calendar year, per customer. Customers who fill their swimming pools may call the city to request a reading of the water meter before they fill the pool and then once the pool has been filled for an adjustment to their sewer bill.

**SECTION 5.**

All bills for services rendered by the water and sewer systems shall be paid monthly by the due date as shown. If the bill is not paid by the following month=s bill, a 10 percent (10%) past due service charge will be assessed and a past due notice will be sent to the customer requesting payment. If such bill is not paid within five (5) days after the past due notice water service will be discontinued.

**SECTION 6. RECONNECT FEE**

In the event of discontinuance of services an additional sum of **THIRTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$35.00)** shall be charged for reconnection to the system.

**SECTION 7. RETURNED CHECK CHARGE**

Where payment for any fine, fee, permit, license, service, or other item is required by this or any other ordinance or resolution of the City and such payment is made by check, a **THIRTY DOLLAR (\$30.00)** fee shall be charged if the check is returned for any reason by the issuer's bank.

**SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY**

If any section or part of any section or paragraph of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force, or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2011.

Hilmar H. Moore

HILMAR G. MOORE, MAYOR

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MONA MATAK, CITY SECRETARY