

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-0721B

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MASTER FEE SCHEDULE, CHAPTER 13 UTILITIES, ARTICLE 13.03, WATER AND SEWER RATES, AMENDING EXISTING SECTION IX, "WATER AND SEWER RATES BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION, "WATER RATES IN THE EXTRATERRITORIAL JURISDICTION (ETJ)"; IMPLEMENTING "ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE (AMI) FOR EFFICIENT METER MONITORING; ADDING A CLAUSE REQUIRING NEW CUSTOMERS TO PURCHASE THE WATER METERS FOR THEIR SERVICE; AND ADDING A PENALTY FOR METER TAMPERING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, after consideration and adoption of a Water Rates in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETF) Ordinance which provides for a water rate fee to be set by City Council; and

WHEREAS, after consideration and review, the City Council finds that adding a new subsection to the Master Fee Schedule is in the best interest of the City and its citizens;

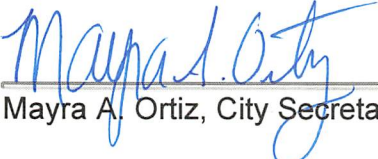
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the amendment to the Master Fee Schedule, as provided in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, be and the same is, hereby adopted to add a per rental rate annual inspection fee for hotel/motel properties.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall become effective immediately from and after its passage, as the law and charter in such cases provide.


DULY PASSED and approved by the City Council of the City of Wilmer, Texas, on this the 21st day of July, 2022.

ATTEST:




Mayra A. Ortiz, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Sheila Petta, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael B. Halla, City Attorney

EXHIBIT "A"
CITY OF WILMER, TEXAS
MASTER FEE SCHEDULE

Sec. 13.03.003 Water and Sewer Rates

Please refer to chapter 13 utilities, article 13.07 utility bills, for additional information on the City's utility billing policies.

(1) Late fees. (see body of full ordinance)

(2) Water and/or sewer connections. The City may extend water and sanitary sewer mains in the streets, alleys and utility easements in the City in order to permit connections for those persons desiring water and sewer service. However, sewer services are only available to those properties that are located within the City limits. Water services will be available to the extent of the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) in accordance to State Law regarding the governance of CCN's. Water rates in the ETJ will be necessarily higher than those services provided within the City limits due to the higher costs associated with providing these services in the ETJ. The rates established by the City Council are as delineated in the schedule below.

The individual, corporation or partnership requesting the service shall pay the City an amount equal to the cost of all materials, labor, equipment and other costs to provide the requested extension. At any time additional connections are made to the water and/or sewer mains, the City may collect from the individual connecting to the main(s) an amount equal to the proportional amount of footage of the connector's land abutting the sewer and/or water and repay the same to the original requestor(s) of service or designated recipients.

New water customers, whether located inside the City limits or in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ), shall be required to purchase their new water meter(s) at the cost of the meter to the city plus a one-time 15% administrative fee. All water meters installed, whether by the city or not, shall be Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) compatible.

(3) Residential service rates.

(A) Residential water service rates:

Volumetric Charge	Rate per Gallon
2,001 to 5,000 gallons	\$7.06
5,001-10,000 gallons	\$7.76
10,001-100,000 gallons	\$8.13
1000,001+ gallons	\$8.79

(B) Residential Meter Tap and Installation Charges:

Meter Size	Tap and Meter Installation Fee
3/4" meter	\$600.00 plus meter cost*
1" meter	\$800.00 plus meter cost*
2" meter	\$1,000.00 plus meter cost*
All meters > 2"	To be installed by developer

*Total meter cost is the cost of the meter to the City plus 15% administrative fee

(C) Residential wastewater service rates:

- (i) All residential accounts, effective June 1, 2022, minimum service charge: \$12.00.
- (ii) Volumetric charge: effective June 1, 2022, \$.0049 per gallon.
- (iii) Wastewater volumetric charges on residential accounts are billed on the winter average consumption during the months of December, January and February.

(CI) Additional residential service charges:

- (i) Deposit: \$100.00 + \$25.00 application fee. The deposit will be refunded after 12 consecutive on time monthly payments.
- (ii) Transfer fees: \$25.00.
- (iii) Meter accuracy rereads: on site inspection charge to be determined by Public Works Director.
- (iv) Late fees: 10% of billed amount.
- (v) Turn offs/reconnects:
 - a. During normal office hours: \$25.00.
 - b. After normal office hours: \$40.00.

- (CII) Multifamily dwellings, City homes and other multitenant accounts served by one master meter will be billed a minimum water charge per unit equal to the 3/4" residential base rate and the minimum service charge for wastewater. The residential volumetric charges will apply as normally scheduled on all master meter consumption for both water and wastewater services, except that winter averaging will not be applied to multifamily dwellings served by one master meter.

(F) Out-of-City water service rates:

- (i) All residential and commercial water services outside the corporate city limits will be charged 150% of the normal water rate inside the city.
 - (ii) If a rate increase is adopted for services inside the city limits the rate increase shall immediately apply to those service connections located outside the city limits.
- (G) Out-of-City residential wastewater service – unavailable to residents outside the city limits.
- (H) Disconnection for delinquency; reconnection charge. In the event any user or customer of such water and/or wastewater system does not pay the applicable rates and charges, the city shall cause disconnection of water and wastewater services to such user or customer. Reconnection shall not occur until all fees and penalties have been paid in full as delineated herein.
- (I) No free service. No free service shall be allowed, nor shall any employee of the city be authorized to make exceptions to any payment schedule as outlined in this ordinance. The City Administrator shall provide collection efforts for any outstanding balances for water and/or wastewater services.
- (J) Meter tampering:
- (i) Any attempt to tamper, bypass, alter, damage a meter, or any other action in order to attempt to receive water services without paying for the actual amount used is illegal and will result in immediate suspension of the water service and a fine not to exceed \$500.00 for each and every offense. A list of offenses shall include:
 - a. Broken meter housing;
 - b. Damaged or broken curb stop;
 - c. Communication port housing broken;
 - d. Sensor (endpoint) wire disconnected or severed;
 - e. Meter lock removed;
 - f. Broken meter;
 - g. Stolen meter;
 - h. Unauthorized connection inserted;
 - i. Any unauthorized water usage.
 - (ii) All fines, charges and fees must be paid in full before water service will be restored.
- (K) Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI):
- (i) Effective immediately upon availability and installation of AMI technology the City will begin utilizing wireless data collection, remote monitoring of the water system for peak performance and system failures, as well as, irregularities in water usage to increase efficiency and lower operational costs.