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ORDINANCE NO. 2255

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 11, SECTION 11.305 (a) (1) (B) OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CORSICANA ESTABLISHING WATER RATES

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WHEREAS, the City of Corsicana has completed a rate study; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City Council of the City of Corsicana, Texas, that a need exists to amend the City Code to adjust the water rates; and

WHEREAS, this action is taken to establish said rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORSICANA, TEXAS, that effective October 1st, 2000 billing date, Chapter 11, Article 11.305 (a) (1) (B) of the City Code is amended to hereafter read as follows:

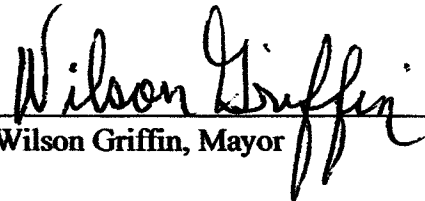
Sec. 11.305 Water Rates

(a) Class I. Residential and Commercial-Industrial Users Inside City.

(1) Commercial-Industrial-Residential Users:

(B) **Volume Rate:** Water used shall be billed at the rate of \$2.14 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption in excess of the amounts allowed for in the minimum bill.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this the 15th day of August, 2000.


Wilson Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:


John R. Iles, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Paige Glucksman, City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING IN ITS ENTIRETY *ARTICLE 11.300 WATER AND SEWER* OF CHAPTER 11, ENTITLED "UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE," OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE 11.300.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Corsicana, Texas that Article 11.300 of Chapter 11 of the City Code of Ordinances be repealed in its entirety and be changed and amended to hereafter read as follows:

ARTICLE 11.300 WATER AND SEWER

Sec. 11.301 Charges Against Property

All charges for water and sewer services shall be charged against the consumer and owner of the premises, and shall remain a charge against the property until paid in full. (1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 1)

Sec. 11.302 Private Lines

All private water and sewer lines shall be maintained by and at the expense of the owner. (1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 2)

Sec. 11.303 Meter Required

It shall be unlawful for persons to make a connection to or use water from the City water system until a meter has been set. All meters installed by the City shall belong to the City. (1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 3)

Sec. 11.304 Water Deposits, Connection Fees, Transfers and Service Charges

- (a) Each applicant for City water service shall deposit with the City of Corsicana a sum of forty dollars (\$40.00), which shall be retained by such City as a water service deposit. The water service deposit shall be refunded without interest to such applicant, his heirs, representatives or assigns when such water service is discontinued and all water use charges have been paid.
- (b) (1) Each applicant for City water service via a fire hydrant shall deposit with the City of Corsicana a sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) which shall be refunded without interest to such applicant, his heirs, representatives, or assigns when such

water service is discontinued and all water use charges have been paid. Each service shall utilize a meter designed to register the volume of water used by the applicant. The applicant shall not relocate the meter without approval of the City.

- (2) Each applicant for City water service via a fire hydrant meter shall deposit with the City of Corsicana a sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00) which shall be retained by such City as a meter deposit. The meter deposit shall be refunded without interest to such applicant, his heirs, representatives, or assigns when such water service is discontinued and all water use charges have been paid. The applicant shall not relocate the meter without approval of the City. This deposit is for the meter only and does not include the water service deposit mentioned above.
- (c) In addition to the water service deposit, each applicant for City water service shall pay a nonrefundable connection fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).
- (d) Each applicant desiring to transfer water service shall pay a ten dollar (\$10.00) transfer fee. The transfer fee is nonrefundable.
- (e) Water Deposit Exemption: A multi-unit property owner who maintains a current non-delinquent account with the Corsicana Water Department shall not be required to make a deposit for temporary water service, provided written application is made to and approved by the Water Department Supervisor. The application form and content shall be prescribed by the Water Department Supervisor, who also shall establish rules and procedures to facilitate the exemption.

(f) Definitions:

Multi-unit owner. Means a firm, corporation or individual who owns more than one (1) apartment, house, building or other structure used or occupied separate and apart from any other real estate unit.

Temporary water service. Means the delivery of metered water to a multi-unit owner for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

(1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 4)

(g) Service Charges. Charges shown below are made for each occurrence:

(1)	Processing returned checks/bank drafts	\$10.00
(2)	Reconnect after disconnect	\$15.00
(3)	Tampering with or damaging meters, padlocks or locking devices	\$40.00

(4) Water Meter Accuracy Verification \$10.00

Sec. 11.305 Water Rates

(a) Class I. Residential and Commercial-Industrial Users Inside City.

(1) Commercial-Industrial-Residential Users:

(A) Base Rate: A charge according to meter size shall constitute the monthly minimum charge for Commercial-Industrial-Residential users inside the City. The following monthly minimum rate shall be applied to the following meter sizes and shall include an allowance for volume based on customer meter size:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Minimum Rate</u>	<u>Volume Included (Gallons)</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 11.95	1,000 gal.
5/8" x 3/4"	11.95	3,000 gal.*
1"	19.95	1,600 gal.
1-1/2"	39.65	3,300 gal.
2"	63.50	5,300 gal.
3"	119.15	10,000 gal.
4"	198.70	16,600 gal.
6"	397.10	33,300 gal.
8"	714.95	60,000 gal.
10"	1,151.90	96,600 gal.

***Age Sixty-Five (65) and above exemption.**

(B) Volume Rate: Water used shall be billed at the rate of \$1.82 per 1,000 gallons for all consumption in excess of the amounts allowed for in the minimum bill.

(C) Monthly water bills shall include the monthly minimum bill rate plus the volume rate.

(2) Multi-Dwelling Water Users

(A) Multi-family rate: Duplexes, apartments and mobile home parks not metered on an individual living unit basis, shall be charged a monthly residential meter minimum, plus a volume charge per 1,000 gallons. **Effective October 1, 1999,** duplexes, apartments and mobile home parks not being metered on an individual living unit basis, shall be charged 50% of the monthly base rate of residential users as shown in Section 11.305(a)(1)(A) based on 80% occupancy. Volume rate and monthly water bill will be determined as shown in Section 11.305(a)(1)(B)(C).

(3) Joint Water Users Rate.

- (A) Single-family residences not being metered on an individual living unit basis shall be charged a monthly minimum based upon each single-family residence, plus a volume charge per 1000 gallons in excess of the total volume allowance for the total number of single-family residences connected to the one meter.
- (B) Where water is supplied to more than one (1) single family residence through a single meter, the city will not undertake to apportion the charges for such use of water.

(b) Class II: Users Outside the City.

- (1) Base Rate: A charge according to meter size shall constitute the monthly minimum charge for Commercial-Industrial-Residential users outside the City. The minimum base rate shall be 1.5 times the in-city water rate schedule in Section 11.305(a)(1)(A) except for Class III Wholesale Contractual Customers. The volume allowance will be the same as users inside the City.
- (2) Volume Rate: The volume rate for users outside the City shall be 1.25 times the in-city water rate volume schedule in Section 11.305(a)(1)(B) except for Class III Wholesale Contractual Customers. A charge per 1000 gallons of water used per month in excess of the amounts allowed for in the minimum bill shall be charged water users outside the City.
- (3) Multi-Dwelling Water Users: Same as Section 11.305(a)(2)(A).
- (4) Joint-Users Rate: Same as Section 11.305(a)(3)(A) and (B).
- (5) Monthly water bills shall include the monthly minimum bill rate plus the volume rate.

- (c) Class III: Wholesale Contractual Customers: The same monthly rate charged Commercial-Industrial-Residential users inside the City (Class I) shall be used to bill Wholesale Contractual Customers, except that in addition to such rate, a charge of \$2.70 per 1000 gallons used per month shall be charged such customers that use water in excess of the maximum amount agreed to be furnished by the City.

(Ordinance No. 2167 of 8/19/97)

Sec. 11.306 Sewer Rates

(a) Single Family Residences. The following charges shall be collected for using the sanitary sewer system of the City for separate single family residences:

- (1) Base monthly minimum \$10.25 per month
- (2) From 0 up to 12,000 gallons water billed \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons
- (3) All over 12, 000 gallons No Charge

(Ordinance No. 2168 of 8/19/97)

- (4) In the event that a customer has installed a separate water meter that furnishes water for sprinkler/irrigation purposes, no sewer charge will be imposed for this use. Customers may at their own expense install a discharge metering device when purchased water is used for other purposes and does not enter the sewer system. Customers will be responsible for maintaining meter and verifying accuracy as requested by the City. Sewer charges will be based upon discharge meter, should discharge meter fail during any billing period, the charges for sanitary sewer service will be based upon water consumption as outlined in (a)(1),(2) and (3) above or past discharge history.

(1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 6)

(b) Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional. The following charges shall be collected for using the sanitary sewer system of the City for all non-single family residences including industrial, commercial and institutional customers:

- (1) Base monthly minimum \$10.25 per month
- (2) For all water billed \$1.90 per 1,000 gallons

(Ordinance No. 2168 of 8/19/97)

- (3) In the event that a customer has installed a separate water meter that furnishes water for sprinkler/irrigation purposes, no sewer charge will be imposed for this use. Customers may at their own expense install a discharge metering device when purchased water is used for other purposes and does not enter the sewer system. Customers will be responsible for maintaining meter and verifying accuracy as requested by the City. Sewer charges will be based upon discharge meter, should discharge meter fail during any billing period, the charges for sanitary sewer service will be based upon water consumption as outlined in (b)(1)

and (2) above or past discharge history.

- (4) It is further provided that industrial, commercial and institutional customers have option of providing and maintaining an approved sewage metering device to determine the amount of sewage discharge into the system in lieu of billing based solely on total water consumption. The City of Corsicana reserves the right to approve such devices and the cost of installation and maintenance remains with the customers. Customers will be responsible for maintaining meter and verifying accuracy as requested by the City. Sewer charges will be based upon discharge meter, should discharge meter fail during any billing period, the charges for sanitary sewer service will be based upon water consumption as outlined in (b)(1) and (2) above or past discharge history.

(c) Multi-Dwelling Sewer Users.

- (1) Multi-family rate: Duplexes, apartments and mobile home parks not being metered on an individual living unit basis, shall be charged a monthly minimum, plus a volume charge per 1,000 gallons. **Effective October 1, 1999**, duplexes, apartments and mobile home parks not being metered on an individual living unit basis, shall be charged 50% of the single family residential rate as shown in Section 11.306(a)(1)(2)(3) based on 80% occupancy of complex.

(d) Joint Sewer Users Rate.

- (1) Single-family residences not being metered on an individual living unit basis shall be charged a monthly minimum based upon each single-family residence, plus a volume charge per 1000 gallons in excess of the total volume allowance for the total number of single-family residences connected to the one meter.
- (2) Where water is supplied to more than one (1) single family residence through a single meter, the city will not undertake to apportion the charges for such use of water.

(1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 6)

Sec. 11.307 Discontinuance of Service

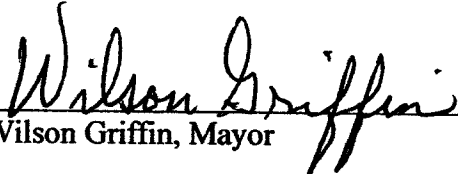
A charge of Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) shall be paid by the consumer for restoration for water service after it has been disconnected for failing to pay water bills timely. A charge of Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) shall be paid to obtain a resumption of water service when a water meter has been disconnected and removed because of delinquent water payments. (1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 7)

Sec. 11.308 Contracts for Wholesale Purchase

No water or sewer service shall be provided at rates other than as prescribed in this article except by written contract approved by the City Council. (1975 Code of Ordinances, Chapter 27, Section 8)

This Ordinance shall become effective December 15, 1998.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED on this 15th day of December, 1998.



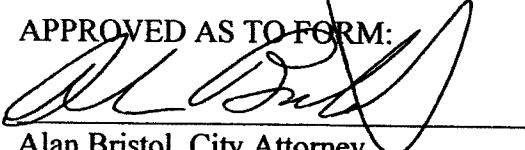
Wilson Griffin, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nelda J. Neal, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bristol, City Attorney

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**CITY OF CORSICANA
WATER SERVICE AGREEMENT**

I. PURPOSE

The City of Corsicana is responsible for protecting the drinking water supply from contamination or pollution, which could result from improper private water distribution system construction or configuration. The purpose of this service agreement is to notify each customer of the restrictions to ensure the public health and welfare. Each customer must sign this agreement before the City of Corsicana will begin service. In addition, when service to an existing connection has been suspended or terminated, the City of Corsicana will not re-establish service unless it has a signed copy of this agreement.

II. RESTRICTIONS

The following unacceptable practices are prohibited by State regulations:

- A. No direct connection between the public drinking water supply and a potential source of contamination is permitted. ~~Potential sources of contamination shall~~ be isolated from the public water system by an air-gap or an appropriate backflow prevention device.
- B. No cross-connection between the public drinking water supply and a private water system is permitted. These potential threats to the public drinking water supply shall be eliminated at the service connection by the installation of an air-gap or a reduced pressure-zone backflow prevention device.
- C. No connection, which allows water to be returned to the public drinking supply, is permitted.
- D. No pipe or pipe fitting which contains more than 8.0% lead may be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection, which provides water for human use.
- E. No solder or flux, which contains more than 0.2% lead, can be used for the installation or repair of plumbing at any connection, which provides water for human use.

III. SERVICE AGREEMENT

The following are terms of the service agreement between the City of Corsicana and _____.

The Customer shall allow his property to be inspected for possible cross-connections and other potential contamination hazards. These inspections shall be conducted by the City of Corsicana or its designated agent prior to initiating new water service; when there is reason to believe that cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards exist; or after any major changes to the private water distribution facilities. The inspections will normally be conducted during the City of Corsicana's normal business hours.

1. The City of Corsicana shall notify the Customer in writing of any cross-connection or other potential contamination hazard, which has been identified during the initial inspection or the periodic reinspection.
2. The Customer shall immediately remove or adequately isolate any potential cross-connections or other potential contamination hazards on his premises.
3. The Customer shall, at his expense, properly install, test and maintain any backflow prevention device required by the City of Corsicana. Copies of all testing and maintenance records shall be provided to the City of Corsicana.

IV. ENFORCEMENT

If the Customer fails to comply with the terms of this Service Agreement, the City of Corsicana shall, at its option, either terminate service or properly install, test and maintain an appropriate backflow prevention device at the service connection. Any expenses associated with the enforcement of this agreement shall be billed to the Customer.

V. POLICIES

Rates below are subject to change:

- A. A sixty-dollar (\$60) deposit plus a ten-dollar (\$10) service charge must be paid to have service connected. This deposit is refundable when service is terminated provided all bills and service charges are paid.
- B. In the event of a delinquent bill, service will be disconnected in accordance with City policy. There is a fifteen-dollar (\$15) reconnect fee if service is disconnected. If a meter is pulled, there will be a thirty-dollar (\$30) service charge.
- C. An applicant who knowingly provides service to anyone through means owing a delinquent bill to the City of Corsicana will be subject to termination of service by the City of Corsicana.
- D. Customer accounts are subject to a ten percent (10%) late penalty charge if payment is not received by the Utility Billing Office on or before the due date, which is 15 days from the date the bill was issued.
- E. Any customer that engages in the unauthorized connection or consumption of water shall be charged with the crime of theft of services and shall be subject to arrest and/or fine.

Signature: _____

Date: _____