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October 1, 2018

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Re: PUC Docket No. 48489 - Formal Complaint of Consolidated Towne East Holdings, Ltd. against the City of Laredo, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

Attached, please find (1) one original copy and (3) three copies of the City of Laredo Responses to Consolidated Towne East Holdings, Ltd.'s Request for Information on DVDs. Also attached is one copy of the PUC Tracking Number BWERUOGP, confirming the responses were electronically submitted on October 1, 2018.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachment to Response No. 1-17

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#### <u>CITY OF LAREDO RESPONSES TO CONSOLIDATED TOWNE EAST HOLDINGS,</u> <u>LTD'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</u>

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FORMAL COMPLAINT OF CONSOLIDATED TOWNE EAST HOLDINGS, LTD. AGAINST THE CITY OF LAREDO TEXAS

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#### <u>CITY OF LAREDO RESPONSES TO CONSOLIDATED TOWNE EAST HOLDINGS,</u> <u>LTD'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION</u>

1-1. Produce the City of Laredo's tariff for charges for water service effective on June 26, 2018.

#### Response No. 1-1:

Please see Attachment RFI 1-1 – Water Rates (Effective October 1, 2017 - Residential).

1-2. Produce the City of Laredo's tariff for charges for water service effective as of June 1, 2017.

#### Response No. 1-2:

Please see Attachment RFI 1-2 – Water Rates (Effective October 1, 2016 – Inside City Limits - *Residential*).

**1-3.** Produce the City of Laredo's tariff for charges for wastewater services effective on June 26, 2018.

#### <u>Response No. 1-3:</u> Please see Attachment RFI 1-3 – Sewer Rates (Effective October 1, 2017 - *Residential*).

**1-4.** Produce the City of Laredo's tariff for charges for wastewater service effective as of June 1, 2017.

#### Response No. 1-4:

Please see Attachment RFI 1-4 – Sewer Rates (Effective October 1, 2016 – Inside City Limits - *Residential*).

1-5. Produce any amendments or charges to the City of Laredo's tariffs for charges for water and wastewater services made effective subsequent to June 26, 2018.

#### Response No. 1-5:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-5 – Ordinance No. 2016-O-086; Ordinance No. 2016-O-143; Ordinance No. 2016-O-144; Ordinance No. 2017-O-071; Ordinance No. 2018-O-026; and Ordinance No. 2018-O-056;

**1-6.** Identify and produce all documents that support the contention on page 5 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1 that "[p]ursuant to the EDAP funding stipulations and guidance from the TWDB, each tract of land existing at the time the study was conducted is eligible for one residential tap."

#### Response No. 1-6:

### Please see Attachment RFI 1-6 – Interlocal Governmental Agreement between Webb County and the City of Laredo Regarding the Economically Distressed Areas Program.

1-7. Produce the "Participation Agreement" identified on page 5, footnote 13 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1 and any and all other documentation that supports the statement that "[a]s a condition of participating in the oversizing, Landowners agreed to annex their land upon developing."

#### <u>Response No. 1-7:</u> Please see Attachment RFI 1-7 – See page 3 of the Participation Agreement.

**1-8.** Identify and produce all documents that support the contention on page 5 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1 that "[e]ach Participant contributed toward the cost of oversizing the service lines based on the LUE capacity each participant requested."

#### Response No. 1-8:

## Please see Attachments RFI 1-8 – See pages 1-2 of the Participation Agreement; page 6 – Exhibit E; Final Reading of Ordinance 2003-O-101; Final Reading of Ordinance 2011-O-018; and Final Reading of Ordinance 2007-O-101.

**1-9.** Identify the number of LUEs that were originally assigned to Laredo as stated on page 5 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1, the number that have been sold or otherwise transferred, and the number of LUEs currently subject to the City of Laredo's ownership or control.

#### Response No. 1-9:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-9 – Motion dated August 16, 2004 – The City of Laredo originally oversized to obtain 1000 LUEs for water and 1000 LUEs for sewer. City has not transferred any LUES. City has sold 609 LUEs for water and 925 LUEs for sewer. Currently, City controls 391 LUEs for water and 75 LUEs for sewer.

1-10. Identify and produce all documents that demonstrate any changes to formulas or methodologies that resulted in a change (positive or negative) to the number of LUEs assigned to the City of Laredo subsequent to the original assignment.

#### Response No. 1-10:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-10 – Motion dated December 3, 2007 and Final Reading of Ordinance no. 2011-O-019; Final Reading of Ordinance no. 2011-O-019; Ordinance no. 2011-O-019; Final Reading of Ordinance no. 2011-O-018; Public hearing and Introduction of Ordinance (February 7, 2011); Water and Sanitary Sewer Line Testing dated February 9, 1998; Water Utilities Department Project Approval Requirements (Use 4.3 people per

## residential lot; and Water Utilities Department Project Approval Requirements (Use 3.7 people per residential lot).

1-11. Admit or deny that CTEH would be able to describe the water and sewer facilities to be constructed for its subdivided 74 lots if the City of Laredo agreed to sell CTEH the LUEs as requested.

#### Response No. 1-11: Admit.

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**1-12.** If you deny RFI 1-11, explain why you deny and describe what other proof of water and sewer facilities would be required.

#### Response No. 1-12: N/A

1-13. Admit or deny that the City of Laredo has made it impossible for CTEH to comply with Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 212.0105(b)(1)(A) by refusing to sell it LUEs without voluntary annexation.

#### Response No. 1-13: Admit.

1-14. If you deny RFI 1-13, explain how CTEH could comply with Tex. Loc. Gov't Code § 212.0105(b)(1)(A) without submitting to voluntary annexation in order to purchase the LUEs.

#### Response No. 1-14: N/A

**1-15.** Produce all documents that support the contention on page 7 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1 that "Laredo has requested annexation from commercial developers long before CTEH proposed their current subdivision."

<u>Response No. 1-15:</u> Please see Attachment RFI 1-15 – Laredo Annexation History: Original Land Grant of 8,396.35 Acres – July 18, 1884. 1-16. Identify all instances in which the City of Laredo has refused to provide water and sewer services to developments outside of its city limits but within its exclusive CCN service territory.

#### Response No. 1-16:

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Please see Attachments RFI 1-16 – Laredo Annexation History: Original Land Grant of 8,396.35 Acres – July 18, 1884 and Development Compliance Notice; Development Compliance Notice dated October 2, 2014; Compliant #CP201806067 dated July 2, 2018; Water and Sewer Connections at Tract 19 Unit II, Rancho Peñitas West Subdivision; Jacaman Land LLC-Tract 19, Peñitas West II – Request for Water and Sewer Services for five lots greater than 10 acres each dated September 19, 2017; Affidavit of Fact of Jessie Jacaman dated December 14, 2017 (Tract 19, Unit II, Rancho Peñitas West Subdivision has been replatted into Tracts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Jacaman Peñitas Ranch); and Colonias Inspection Report dated January 18, 2018.

**1-17.** Identify any approved developments and/or subdivisions outside of Laredo city limits that have been sold LUEs without requirements of voluntary annexation.

#### Response No. 1-17:

## Please see Attachments RFI 1-17 – LUE Summary for 16" WL Along SH359 & Old Milwaukee & for the 12" – 24" Sewer Mains from Chacon 1 and corresponding tables.

**1-18.** Identify and produce any documents that support the contention on page 7 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1 that "the annexation requirement [...] has been in existence for many years."

#### Response No. 1-18:

## Please see Attachments RFI 1-18 – Laredo Annexation History: Original Land Grant of 8,396.35 Acres – July 18, 1884 and Development Compliance Notice.

**1-19.** Explain how providing LUEs to CTEH without annexation would "unduly benefit CTEH" as contended on page 8 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1.

#### Response No. 1-19:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-19 – Memo dated September 7, 2005 regarding Guidance on Lot Connections and Texas Water Code Section 17.936 Recovery of Economically Distressed Area Impact Fees.

**1-20.** Admit or deny that the City of Laredo seeks to maximize the amount of money that it recovers for sale of its assigned LUEs.

Response No. 1-20: Admit. **1-21.** If you admit RFI 1-20 identify the costs or debts incurred by the City of Laredo that the revenues from the sale of LUEs is intended to offset, pay down, or recover.

#### <u>Response No. 1-21:</u> Please see Attachment RFI 1-21 – City of Laredo EDAP Wastewater Loan.

1-22. Referring to footnote 26 of page 8 of the City of Laredo's Motion to Dismiss and Response to Order No. 1, explain how Texas Water Code § 17.93(a) permits a charge of \$921.74 to water and wastewater connections in the colonias. Specifically, explain how that fee was computed and explain why that amount is necessary to ensure that a private developer not unduly benefit from the expenditure by the state of public funds on infrastructure for public benefit.

#### Response No. 1-22:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-22 – Memo dated March 19, 2012 regarding City of Laredo – Joint Colonias – Mines Road and SH 359 EDAP Project EDAP/CWTAP – Project No. 10045 – Water and Wastewater Hook-ups Percent Completion; Memo dated March 28, 2012 regarding Capacity Buy In for Water and Wastewater Agreement No. G13500/13600/G1700 TWDB PTS No. 10045; Memo dated April 9, 2014 – Water, Wastewater & Connection fees for Colonia Residential Lots and Section 17.936 Recovery of Economically Distressed Area Impact Fees.

**1-23.** Provide all documents that support the contention that a charge of \$921.74 on colonia water and wastewater connections is permitted by Texas Water Code §17.936(a).

#### Response No. 1-23:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-23 – Memo dated March 19, 2012 regarding City of Laredo – Joint Colonias – Mines Road and SH 359 EDAP Project EDAP/CWTAP – Project No. 10045 – Water and Wastewater Hook-ups Percent Completion; Memo dated March 28, 2012 regarding Capacity Buy In for Water and Wastewater Agreement No. G13500/13600/G1700 TWDB PTS No. 10045; Memo dated April 9, 2014 – Water, Wastewater & Connection fees for Colonia Residential Lots and Section 17.936 Recovery of Economically Distressed Area Impact Fees.

**1-24.** Identify any rules adopted by the Water Development Board that allow for a \$921.74 fee per colonia lot for connection to water and sewer services.

#### Response No. 1-24:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-24 – Memo dated March 19, 2012 regarding City of Laredo – Joint Colonias – Mines Road and SH 359 EDAP Project EDAP/CWTAP – Project No. 10045 – Water and Wastewater Hook-ups Percent Completion; Memo dated March 28, 2012 regarding Capacity Buy In for Water and Wastewater Agreement No. G13500/13600/G1700 TWDB PTS No. 10045; Memo dated April 9, 2014 – Water, Wastewater & Connection fees for Colonia Residential Lots. **1-25.** Identify all City of Laredo municipal ordinances or other authorities requiring annexation for the transfer of LUEs in effect as of June 26, 2018.

#### Response No. 1-25:

## Please see Attachment RFI 1-25 – Laredo Annexation History: Original Land Grant of 8,396.35 Acres – July 18, 1884 and Development Compliance Notice.

**1-26.** Identify all City of Laredo municipal ordinances or other authorities requiring annexation for the transfer of LUEs in effect as of June 1, 2017.

#### Response No. 1-26:

### Please see Attachment RFI 1-26 – Laredo Annexation History: Original Land Grant of 8,396.35 Acres – July 18, 1884 and Development Compliance Notice.

**1-27.** Produce all minutes, notes, recordings, or other documentation of official proceedings by the City of Laredo related to the issue of requiring annexation for the transfer of LUEs.

#### Response No. 1-27:

#### None - LUEs are not transferrable.

**1-28.** Produce all minutes, notes, recordings, or other documentation of official proceedings by the City of Laredo related to the issue of approval by the Planning and Zoning Commission of any subdivisions in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City of Laredo without requiring annexation for the sale or transfer of LUEs.

#### <u>Response No. 1-28:</u> None - LUEs are not transferrable.

**1-29.** Identify all developments outside of the City of Laredo city limits and within its CCN service territories provided connections for water and/or wastewater services from 2007 to present.

#### Response No. 1-29:

#### No developments outside of the City of Laredo city limits.

**1-30.** Refer to Ordinance No. 95-O-083. Did the project referenced by the Ordinance incur a cost to the City of Laredo? If so, identify and quantify those costs.

#### <u>Response No. 1-30:</u> Please see Attachment RFI 1-30 – City of Laredo EDAP Wastewater Loan.

**1-31.** Admit or deny that the City of Laredo agreed to provide water and sewer services to the colonias pursuant to the 1995 Interlocal Government Agreement with Webb County.

<u>Response No. 1-31:</u> Admit. **1-32.** Admit or deny that Webb County's CCN for the colonias was decertified and/or transferred to the City of Laredo.

#### Response No. 1-32: Deny.

**1-33.** Admit or deny that the City of Laredo is the sole entity with CCNs to provide water and sewer services to lots 2, 3, and 4 in Tanquecitos South Acres I.

#### Response No. 1-33: Admit.

**1-34.** If you deny RFI, 1-33 please identify all other entities with a CCN to provide water and/or sewer service to lots 2, 3, and 4 in Tanquecitos South Acres I.

#### Response No. 1-34:

#### N/A

**1-35.** Identify all persons employed or contracted with by the City of Laredo or its affiliates or subsidiaries with knowledge of the issues in P.U.C. Docket No. 48489.

#### Response No. 1-35:

Please see Attachment RFI 1-35 – List of all persons employed with the City of Laredo with knowledge of the issues in P.U.C. Docket No. 48489. City of Laredo reserves the right to supplement this response.

**1-36.** Produce all communications created or received by all persons identified in RFI 1-35 related to the issues in P.U.C. Docket No. 48489.

#### Response No. 1-36:

Objection: City of Laredo objects as this request is overly broad, burdensome and vague. Without waving this objection, attached, is email correspondence from or to some persons identified in RFI-1-35. City of Laredo reserves the right to supplement this response.

**1-37.** Produce all documents including notes created or received in relation to meetings of the "One Stop Shop."

#### Response No. 1-37:

Please see Attachments RFI 1-37 – Agenda Item: IX-C dated October 20, 2016 and corresponding documents; Minutes of the Planning and Zoning Meeting of October 20, 2016; and SBI – Letter of Transmittal dated May 2, 2017.

## **RFI 1-1**

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Water Rates (Effective October 1, 2017) *Residential* 

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Meter sized based minimum monthly water charges for metered consumption from zero to 2,000 gallons:

5/8" & ¾" meter 1" meter 1 ½" meter 2" meter	\$9.82 \$21.38 \$30.24 \$46.96
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	1.92
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.05
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	2.12
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 20,000 gallons per month.	2.25
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 30,000 gallons per month.	2.40
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month	2.51
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 50,000 gallons per month	5.00

#### Multi-Family and Commercial:

Meter sized based minimum monthly water charges for metered consumption from zero to 2,000 gallons:

5/8" & ¾" meter	\$36.99
1" meter	\$40.18
1 ½" meter	\$44.69
2" meter	\$61.67
3" meter	\$122.69
4" meter	\$185.29
6" meter	\$333.71
8" meter	\$491.88

Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	2.05
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.52
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 30,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	3.17
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 110,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month	3.35
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 150,000 gallons) per month in excess of 150,000 gallons per month	3.62
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 300,000 gallons) per month in excess of 300,000 gallons per month	4.00
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 400,000 gallons) per month in excess of 600,000 gallons per month	4.72
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 1,000,000 gallons per month	4.83

# **RFI 1-2**

Water Rates (Effective October 1, 2016) Inside City Limits *Residential* 

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Meter sized based minimum monthly water charges for metered consumption from zero to 2,000 gallons:

5/8" & <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub> " meter 1" meter 1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " meter 2" meter	\$9.63 \$20.96 \$29.65 \$46.04
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	1.88
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.01
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	2.08
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 20,000 gallons per month	2.21
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 30,000 gallons per month	2.35
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month	2.46
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 50,000 gallons per month	4.90

Multi-Family and Commercial:

Meter sized based minimum monthly water charges for metered consumption from zero to 2,000 gallons:

5/8" & ¾" meter	\$36.26
1" meter	\$39.39
1 1/2" meter	\$43.81
2" meter	\$60.46
3" meter	\$120.28
4" meter	\$181.66
6" meter	\$327.17

8" meter	\$482.24
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	2.01
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.47
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 30,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	3.11
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 110,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month.	3.28
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 150,000 gallons) per month in excess of 150,000 gallons per month	3.55
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 300,000 gallons) per month in excess of 300,000 gallons per month	3.92
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 400,000 gallons) per month in excess of 600,000 gallons per month	4.63
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 1,000,000 gallons per month	4.74

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#### Sewer Rates (Effective October 1, 2017)

#### Residential

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Monthly minimum, including use of 2,000 gallons per month	\$9.66
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons	3.30
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons	3.36
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons	3.54
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 20,000 gallons	3.79
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 30,000 gallons per month	3.79
There shall be no maximum monthly charges for residential users.	

#### Commercial & Multifamily:

Monthly minimum, including use of 2,000 gallons per month	\$25.87
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month.	2.46
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.51
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 30,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	2.87
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 110,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month	2.97
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 150,000 gallons) per month in excess of 150,000 gallons per month	3.79
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 300,000 gallons) per month in excess of 300,000 gallons per month	3.79

Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 400,000 gallons) per month in excess of 600,000 gallons per month	4.34
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 1,000,000 gallons per month	5.26

There shall be no maximum monthly charges for commercial users.

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## **RFI 1-4**

Sewer Rates (Effective October 1, 2016) Inside City Limits *Residential* 

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Monthly minimum, including use of 2,000 gallons per month	\$9.47
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons	3.24
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons	3.29
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons	3.47
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 20,000 gallons	3.72

The maximum charge will be up to 30,000 gallons and the equivalent of \$107.59.

#### Commercial & Multifamily:

Monthly minimum, including use of 2,000 gallons per month	\$25.36
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 2,000 gallons) per month in excess of 2,000 gallons per month	2.41
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 6,000 gallons) per month in excess of 4,000 gallons per month	2.46
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 20,000 gallons) per month in excess of 10,000 gallons per month	2.58
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 10,000 gallons) per month in excess of 30,000 gallons per month	2.82
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 110,000 gallons) per month in excess of 40,000 gallons per month	2.91
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 150,000 gallons) per month in excess of 150,000 gallons per month	3.25
Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 300,000 gallons) per month in excess of 300,000 gallons per month	3.58

Per 1,000 gallons (for the next 400,000 gallons) per month in excess of 600,000 gallons per month.	4.25
Per 1,000 gallons per month in excess of 1,000,000 gallons per month	5.16

There shall be no maximum monthly charges for commercial users.

#### Outside City Limits

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The rates for sewer outside the City limits shall be two times those established for commercial rates.

# **RFI 1-5**

#### AN ORDINANCE NO 2016-O-086

Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 1 (Generally), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), section 31-16 (Definitions) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, by adding Commercial and Multi-family Customer definitions, clarifying the Residential Customer, Approving Authority and Industrial Waste definitions, and deleting the General Manager definition; also amending Article III, (WATER), Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES) by renaming section 31-138 (Water Rates and Availability) to (Water Rates). Creating subsection title 31-138.1 (Fees and Service Charges); deleting Ductile Iron Pipe Costs for 6" to 16" from section 31-138 (new 138.1); moving Connect Fees For Construction /Fire Hydrant Meters from Sec 31-138 to Sec. 31-140; moving Sec. 31-141 (Changes and adjustments) contents under Sec. 31-138.1 and adding further definition on Adjustments and Back Billings/Under Billings. Creating subsection 31-138.2 (Fire Protection Fees For Fire Protection Tanks) and adding charges. Creating subsection 31-138.3 (Connection Fees For Temporary Construction Meters) and clarifying the temporary construction meter process under section 31-138 (new 138.3). Moving Water Availability contents from Sec. 31-138 to Sec. 31-141. Deleting the contents of section 31-139 (Outside City); renaming Sec. 31-139 to (Bulk Water Sales); moving Sec. 31-140.1 (Bulk Water Sales) contents under Sec. 31-139; and amending the (Bulk Water Sales) section. Renaming Sec. 31-140, (Rates and Connection Fees For On-Site Construction /Fire Hydrant Meters, Inside and Outside The City Limits) to (Fire Hydrant Meters); Amending section 31-140 (Fire Hydrant Meters), System Connection and Water Use, Application Process and Inspection, Fees and Charges, and Loss, Damage, and Payment; Deleting section 31-140.1 (Bulk Water Sales). Renaming section 31-141 (Changes or adjustments) to (Water Availability); Providing for publication and an effective date.

WHEREAS, the water system continues to provide the necessary services to assure that the water system continues to provide the highest level of services to our customers; and

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WHEREAS, there is a need for clarification of the current processes in order to increase the public's awareness of the processes; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department has determined there is a need for a simpler process in order to track these accounts to ensure that customers are complying with the process and the City is billing the required services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

#### **ARTICLE II. - SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

#### **DIVISION 1. - GENERALLY**

#### Sec. 31-16. - Definitions.

As used in this article and as defined below, all terms in this section are as defined in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 403 which is adopted hereby and incorporated by reference herein and a copy of which shall be maintained in the office of the city secretary:

Abnormal industrial waste means any industrial waste having a TSS, COD, or BOD content in excess of that found in normal waste, but which is otherwise acceptable into a sanitary sewer under the terms of this article.

Apartment house means a collection of family residences grouped together in one (1) building, each family residence being a section of such building.

Approved methods means the analytical procedures published by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in 40 CFR 136.

Approving authority means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or TNRCC-TCEQ.

Boarding house means a place where one obtains food or lodging, or both, in another's house for a stipulated price.

BOD (biochemical oxygen demand) means the quantity of oxygen by weight, expressed in mg/l, utilized in the biochemical oxidation of organic matter under standard laboratory conditions for five (5) days at a temperature of twenty (20) degrees Centigrade.

Building sewer means the extension from the building drain to the public sewer or other place of disposal (also called house lateral and house connection).

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of an industrial user's treatment facility.

City means the city or any authorized person acting in its behalf.

COD (chemical oxygen demand) means measure of the oxygen consuming capacity of inorganic and organic matter present in the water or wastewater expressed in mg/l as the amount of oxygen consumed from a chemical oxidant in a specific test, but not differentiating between stable and unstable organic matter and thus not necessarily correlating with biochemical oxygen demand.

<u>Commercial customer means any structure or premises other than residential or</u> <u>multifamily structures as defined in this section and shall include the following:</u>

<u>(1)</u>

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All retail, wholesale and industrial business establishments;

<u>(2)</u>

All office buildings;

<u>(3)</u>

Professional businesses and service businesses;

<u>(4)</u>

Hotels, motels, inns, rooming houses, boardinghouses, whether private, public or guasi-public;

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Hospitals, whether public or private, charitable or otherwise;

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Fraternal organizations, public or private clubs, associations or organizations, and whether profit or nonprofit;

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All other charitable and/or tax-supported organizations;

<u>(8)</u>

<u>Church-related hall or church-related school, whether on the same or on different</u> premises as the church to which affiliated;

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Any and all other types or forms of public or private concerns, organizations or institutions not otherwise herein provided for.

Comminuted garbage means garbage that has been shredded to such a degree that all particles will be carried freely under the flow conditions normally prevailing in sanitary sewers, with no particle greater than one-half  $(\frac{1}{2})$  inch in any dimension.

Connection means each and every joining of a sewer line leading from any building or structure with a part of the sanitary sewer system of the city; provided that, if there are two (2) or more buildings or structures on the same lot or adjoining lots and their respective sewer lines join on such lot or either adjoining lot and then one line joins the sanitary sewer system of the city, each such building or structure shall be considered as having a separate connection to the sanitary sewer system of the city.

Control manhole means a manhole giving access to a building sewer at some point before the building sewer discharge mixes with other discharges in the public sewer.

*Control point* means a point of access to a course of discharge before the discharge mixes with other discharges in the public sewer.

*Director* means the director of the city utilities department (or other official designated by the city manager) or the director's authorized representative, unless otherwise specified.

Drainage water means stormwater; roof run-off water; subsurface and subsoil uncontaminated drainage water; drainage from down spouts; water from yard drains; water from fountains, ponds and swimming pools; water from lawn sprays, rainwater leaders, and areaways, and overflows from cisterns and water tanks.

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*E.P.A. (Environmental Protection Agency)* means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or where appropriate, the term may also be used as a designation for the administrator or other duly authorized official of that agency.

Family means any number of individuals living together as a single household unit.

Garbage means animal and vegetable wastes and residue from preparation, cooking and dispensing of food; and from the handling, processing, storage and sale of food products and produce.

General manager means the water and wastewater general manager of the city or his duly authorized deputy, agent, or representative.

Grab sample means a sample which is taken from a waste stream on a one-time basis with no regard to the flow in the waste stream and without consideration of time.

Hazardous waste means those substances which if otherwise disposed of would be hazardous waste as set forth in 40 CFR 261.

Holding tank waste means any waste from holding tanks such as vessels, chemical toilets, campers, trailers, septic tanks and vacuum pump tank trucks.

*Illegal connection* means any connection between the water tap and the home, business or irrigation system not using a city-issued or approved meter.

*Industrial user* means a source of indirect discharge which does not constitute a "discharge of pollutants" under regulations issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act.

Industrial wastes means liquids or other character of wastes resulting from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operations or processes, excluding normal domestic sanitary sewage unless it exceeds three hundred fifty (350) mg/l BOD or three hundred fifty (350) mg/l total suspended solids, which waterborne or liquid wastes enter the sewage system, or any portion thereof, of the city.

Industrial waste charge means the charge made on those persons who discharge industrial wastes into the city's sewage system and shall consist of the regular commercial rate plus the industrial waste cost recovery charge (see section 31-9) as approved by City Council where the waste is in excess of three hundred fifty (350) mg/l BOD, or three hundred fifty (350) mg/l total suspended solids or has an excess of other materials which are determined by the city engineer and the director of the sewer department to require additional sewerage system operational or capital costs.

Industrial waste permit means a permit to deposit or discharge industrial waste into the sanitary sewer. The permit charge is to cover the cost to issue the permit and to inspect the facility. This permit shall not grant a waiver to allow discharge of any wastes that exceed the limits or violate the requirements of this article.

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Milligrams per liter (mg/l) means the same as parts per million and is a weight-to-volume ratio; the milligram per liter value multiplied by the factor eight and thirty-four one-hundredths (8.34) shall be equivalent to pounds per million gallons of water.

<u>Multi-family Customer means the owner or occupant of property containing a multiple</u> family dwelling unit composed of more than one unit being serviced by one water meter.

Natural outlet means any outlet into a watercourse, ditch, lake, or other body of surface water or groundwater.

Normal domestic wastewater means wastewater excluding industrial wastewater discharged by a person into sanitary sewers and in which the average concentration of total suspended solids is not more than three hundred fifty (350) mg/l and BOD is not more than three hundred fifty (350) mg/l.

Overload means the imposition of organic or hydraulic loading on a treatment facility in excess of its engineered design capacity.

*Person* means any individual, business entity, partnership, corporation, governmental agency, political subdivision, or any other legal entity.

pH means the logarithm (base 10) of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration.

Public sewer means pipe or conduit carrying wastewater or unpolluted drainage in which owners of abutting properties shall have the use, subject to control by the city.

*Receiving stream* means the waterway into which a wastewater treatment plant, operated by the city, discharges the treated effluent.

Residential connection means a connection, as defined in this section, of a building, or a section thereof, served by one water meter and used primarily as living quarters for a family. A building with living quarters located on the same premises and used by the owner or occupant for family purposes shall not be considered a separate living unit; provided however, that, if rental money is received from more than one (1) such unit, the same shall not be considered a residential connection, it will be a multi-family customer.

Rooming house means a house or building where there are two (2) or more bedrooms rented to persons for lodging.

Sanitary convenience means any plumbing fixture (except for a food waste disposal unit) not required to have a sand and/or grease trap (interceptor) according to provisions of the plumbing code.

Sanitary sewage means the waste from water closets, urinals, lavatories, sinks, bath tubs, showers, household laundries, basement floor drains, garage floor drains, store rooms, soda fountains, cuspidors, refrigerator drips, fountain and stable floor drains and all other similar fixtures and receptacles that discharge wastes into the sewerage system.

Sanitary sewer means a public sewer that conveys domestic wastewater or industrial wastes or a combination of both. and into which stormwater, surface water, groundwater, and other unpolluted wastes are not intentionally passed.

Shall and may are differentiated by the term "shall" understood to be mandatory. The use "may" is understood to be permissive.

Slug means any discharge of water, wastewater, or industrial waste which in concentration of any given constituent or in quantity of flow, exceeds for any period of duration longer than fifteen (15) minutes more than five (5) times the average twenty-four (24) hour concentration or flows during normal operation.

Standard methods means the examination and analytical procedures set forth in the latest edition, at the time of analysis, of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" as prepared, approved and published jointly by the American Public Health Association, the American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation.

Storm sewer means a public sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage and into which domestic wastewater or industrial wastes are not intentionally passed.

Stormwater means rainfall or any other forms of precipitation.

Suspended solids means solids measured in mg/I that either float on the surface of, or are in suspension in, water, wastewater, or other liquids, and which are largely removable by a laboratory filtration device.

To discharge includes to deposit, conduct, drain, emit, throw, run, allow to seep, or otherwise release or dispose of, or to allow, permit, or suffer any of these acts or omissions.

*Trap* means a device designed to skim, settle, or otherwise remove grease, oil, sand, flammable wastes or other harmful substances.

Treatment plant upset means an inhibition or disruption of the treatment plant, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal which is a cause of or significantly contributes to:

(1)

A violation of any requirement of the city's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation);

(2)

The prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal by the treatment plant in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations and city ordinances;

(3)

A decrease in the quality of the effluent being discharged from the treatment plant; or

(4)

A decrease in the performance of the treatment plant processes or operations. *Unpolluted wastewater* means water containing:

(1)

No free or emulsified grease or oil;

(2)

No acids or alkalis;

(3)

No phenols or other substances producing taste or odor in receiving water;

(4)

No toxic or poisonous substances in suspension, colloidal state, or solution;

(5)

No noxious or otherwise obnoxious or odorous gases;

(6)

No more than ten (10) mg/l each of suspended solids and BOD; and

(7)

Color not exceeding fifty (50) units as measured by the Platinum-Cobalt method of determination as specified in "Standard Methods."

Waste means rejected, unutilized or superfluous substances in liquid, gaseous, or solid form resulting from domestic, agricultural, or industrial activities.

*Wastewater* means a combination of the water-carried waste from residences, business buildings, institutions, and industrial establishments, together with any ground, surface and stormwater that may be present.

Wastewater facilities includes all facilities for collection, pumping, treating, and disposing of wastewater and industrial wastes.

Wastewater service charge means the charge on all industrial users of the public sewer system whose wastes do not exceed in strength the concentration values established as representative of normal wastewater.

Wastewater treatment plant means any city-owned facilities, devices, and structures used for receiving, processing and treating wastewater, industrial waste, and sludge's from the sanitary sewers.

Watercourse means a natural or manmade channel in which a flow of water occurs, either continuously or intermittently.

#### ARTICLE III: WATER

#### DIVISION 3: RATES AND CHARGES

#### Sec. 31-138. Water Rates and Availability

Premises connected with water system. Charges shall be paid by all persons owning or occupying premises which are connected with the water system in accordance with the following schedule of rates; and such charges as are hereinafter described are hereby levied and assessed, as hereinafter provided:

For each defined customer class, monthly water rates and charges shall be based on metered water consumption in units of measure of 1,000 gallons with the exception of the minimum fee of 2,000 gallons as described on the following tables scheduled for annual adjustments beginning on October 1, 2010, and every year that follows up through October 2014. Thereafter, a two (2) percent increase on all minimum charges and volumetric rates shall be implemented for all active water meters.

Meter Sized Based Minimum Monthly Water Charges for Metered Consumption from Zero (0) to Two Thousand (2,000) Gallons within the City Limit.

	Effective:							
	Oct. 2014	Oct 2015	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
<b>Residential</b>								
<b>%</b> " & ¾" Meter	\$9.25	\$9.44	\$9.63	\$9.82	\$10.02	\$10.22	\$10.42	2%
1" Meter	\$20.15	\$20.55	\$20.96	\$21.38	\$21.81	\$22.25	\$22.70	2%
1½" Meter	\$28.50	\$29.07	\$29.65	\$30.24	\$30.84	\$31 46	\$32.09	2%
2" Meter	\$44.25	\$45.14	\$46.04	\$46.96	\$47.90	\$48.86	\$49.84	2%
<b>Commercial</b>								
5/6" & 3/4" Meter	\$34.85	\$35.55	\$36.26	\$36.99	\$37.73	\$38.48	\$39.25	2%
1" Meter	\$37.86	\$38.62	\$39.39	\$40.18	\$40.98	\$41.80	\$42.64	2%
11/2" Meter	\$42.11	\$42.95	\$43.81	\$44.69	\$45.58	\$46.49	\$47.42	2%
2" Meter	\$58.11	\$59.27	\$60.46	\$61.67	\$62.90	\$64.16	\$65.44	2%

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3" Meter	\$115.61	\$117.92	\$120.28	\$122.69	\$125.14	\$127.64	\$130.19	2%
4" Meter	\$174.61	\$178.10	\$181.66	\$185.29	\$189.00	\$192.78	\$196.64	2%
6" Meter	\$314.46	\$320.75	\$327.17	\$333.71	\$340.38	\$347.19	\$354.13	2%
8" Meter	\$463.51	\$472.78	\$482.24	\$491.88	\$501.72	\$511.75	\$521.99	2%

## Customer Class Based Volumetric Monthly Water Rates; for Metered Consumption greater than-2,000 Gallons within the City Limit

CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS; PROPOSED MINIMUM CHARGE

#### CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS PROPOSED WATER RATES Residential

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	Oct. 2014	Oct 2015	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	\$1.80	\$1.84	\$1.88	\$1.92	\$1.96	\$2.00	\$2.04	2%
4,001	10,000	\$1.93	\$1.97	\$2.01	\$2.05	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17	2%
10,001	20,000	\$2.00	\$2.04	\$2.08	\$2.12	\$2.16	\$2.20	\$2.24	2%
20,001	30,000	\$2.13	\$2.17	\$2.21	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$2.35	\$2.40	2%
30,001	40.000	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$2.35	\$2.40	\$2.45	\$2.50	\$2.55	2%
40,001	50,000	\$2.36	\$2.41	\$2.46	\$2.51	\$2.56	\$2.61	\$2.66	2%
50,001	Greater	\$4.71	\$4.80	\$4.90	\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.30	2%

#### CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS PROPOSED WATER RATES: Commercial

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	Oct. 2014	Oct 2015	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	\$1.93	\$1.97	\$2.01	\$2.05	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17	2%
4,001	10,000	\$2.37	\$2.42	\$2.47	\$2.52	\$2.57	\$2.62	\$2.67	2%
10,001	40,000	\$2.99	\$3.05	\$3.11	\$3.17	\$3.23	\$3.29	\$3.36	2%
40,001	150,000	\$3.16	\$3.22	\$3.28	\$3.35	\$3.42	\$3.49	\$3.56	2%
150,001	300,000	\$3.41	\$3.48	\$3.55	\$3.62	\$3.69	\$3.76	\$3.84	2%
300,001	600,000	\$3.76	\$3.84	\$3.92	\$4.00	\$4.08	\$4.16	\$4.24	2%
600,001	1,000,000	\$4.45	\$4.54	\$4.63	\$4.72	\$4.81	\$4.91	\$5.01	2%
1,000,001	Greater	\$4.56	\$4.65	\$4.74	\$4.83	\$4.93	\$5.03	\$5.13	2%

#### Sec. 31-138.1 Fees and Service Charges

(a) The fees and service charges to perform the special water and sewer functions of the utilities department are the following:

#### FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES INSIDE CITY-LIMITS

Valve Operating Crew Fee...\$200.00 Service fee .....\$ 10.00 Reconnect fees: (DFNP = Disconnect for nonpayment)

Reconnect fee (DFNP) during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and business days (M—F) on a 24-hour turnaround time frame .....35.00

Reconnect fee (DFNP) after business hours or same day .....55.00

Reconnect fee (DFNP) for weekends and holidays .....75.00

Nonsufficient fund checks fees:

N.S.F. check service charge before 5:00 p.m. .....\$25.00

N.S.F. check service charge after 5:00 p.m. .....25.00

Late fee:

Late fee (exempting customers who are 65 years and older)  $\dots .5\%$  or \$5.00

Whichever is greater, is charged to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month

Cost of wet connections, inside city limits:

Six" X six" .....\$1,500.00

- Eight" X eight" .....\$2,000.00
- Ten" X six" .....\$2,000.00

Ten" X eight" .....\$2,000.00

- Ten" X ten" .....\$2,000.00
- Twelve" X six" .....\$3,000.00

Twelve" X eight" .....\$3,000.00

Twelve" X ten" .....\$3,000.00

Sixteen" X six" .....\$3,000.00 Sixteen" X eight" .....<u>\$</u>3,000.00 Sixteen" X ten" .....\$4,000.00 Sixteen" X twelve" .....\$4,000.00

Cost of water taps inside city limits: Not including Water availability and deposit

3⁄4".....\$1,590.74

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1" .....\$1,675.23

11/2"...\$1,749.21

- 2" .....\$2,032.00
- 3" .....\$2,914.00
- 4" .....\$2,969.00
- 6" .....\$3,928.00

Cost for T-Connections inside City Limits and for irrigation

3⁄4"..... \$240.61

Cost for service relocation

3⁄4"....\$240.61

1".....\$248.18

Meter installation fee:

Meter Size	Proposed Cost
5/8" x 3/4"	\$93.20
3/4" x 3/4"	\$93.20
1"	\$94.53
1 1/2"	\$404.74
2"	
Compound	\$406.31
3"	\$836.29
4"	Actual Cost
6"	Actual Cost
8"	Actual Cost

#### CITY OF LAREDO WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT COST OF WATER LINE EXTENSIONS, MATERIAL AND LABOR INSIDE CITY LIMITS

On polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) pipe C-900 or C-905:

2" P.V.C., per linear foot.....2.00 6" P.V.C, per linear foot .....20.00 8" P.V.C, per linear foot .....25.00 10" P.V.C, per linear foot .....27.00 12" P.V.C, per linear foot .....30.00 16" P.V.C, per linear foot .....30.00

LINE DESINFECTION OF WATER PIPES;

The contractor will furnish all labor and equipment necessary to complete the proper

disinfection of the line and the cost of this operation shall be included in the bid price

for the installation of the distribution system.

The City of Laredo will pay for the cost of the PASSING bacteria test, any failures will be at the expense of the contractor

Ductile iron pipe (D.I.):-

6" D.I., per linear foot .....\$20.00-8" D.I., per linear foot .....25.00-10" D.I., per linear foot .....27.00-12" D.I., per linear foot .....30.00-16" D.I., per linear foot ......50.00-

### DEPOSITS REQUIRED

Size of meter inside city limits, residential:

3¼" .....\$100.00
1" .....150.00
1½" .....150.00
2" .....300.00
3" .....600.00
4" .....800.00

Size of meter inside city limits, commercial:

3⁄4" .....\$150.00
1" .....225.00
11⁄2" .....225.00
2" .....300.00
3" .....600.00
4" .....800.00
6"....1,000.00

### 8"....1,200.00

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	*AMI New	*AMR New
Meter Size	Cost	Cost
5/8" x 3/4"	\$180.90	\$156.81
3/4" x 3/4"	\$206.20	\$182.11
1"	\$253.01	\$228.92
1 1/2"	\$572.15	\$547.93
2" Turbine	\$1,031.24	\$856.54
2" Compound	\$1,324.91	\$1,278.10
3"	\$2,400.43	\$2,349.83
4"	\$2,991.24	\$2,940.73
6"	\$4,898.28	\$4,847.68
8"	\$6,882.46	\$6,831.86

### COST OF METER CHARGE INSIDE CITY LIMITS (DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER AVAILABILITY FEES)

\*The installation of an AMI or AMR depends on the location of service account.

### SIX-INCH WATER TAP FOR FIRE PROTECTION

6" water tap .....\$3,801.00

### CONNECT FEES FOR CONSTRUCTION /FIRE HYDRANT METERS

Fire Hydrant flow test.....\$150.00

Deposit ..... \$225.00

Installation fee .....\$200.00

Materials for FH Meter...\$421.29

No. 909 reduced pressure principle backflow preventer for fireprotection system, install one fire hydrant .....1,500.00-

Fire hydrant meters, per 1,000 gallons after minimum charge .....8.00 Industrial mining meters, per 1,000 gallons after minimum charge .....12.00 Sec. 31-141.- Changes or adjustments.

Based on the Public Utility Commission, Chapter 24, subchapter E, (h) Overbilling and underbilling. "If billings for utility service are found to differ from the utility's lawful rates for the services being provided to the customer, or if the utility fails to bill the customer for such services, a billing adjustment shall be calculated by the utility. If the customer is due a refund, an adjustment must be made for the entire period of the overcharges. If the customer was undercharged, the utility may backbill the customer for the amount that was underbilled. The backbilling may not exceed 12 months unless such undercharge is a result of meter tampering, bypass, or diversion by the customer as defined in §24.89 of this title (relating to Meters). If the underbilling is \$25 or more, the utility shall offer to such customer a deferred payment plan option for the same length of time as that of the underbilling. In cases of meter tampering, bypass, or diversion, a utility may, but is not required to, offer a customer a deferred payment plan."

### (a) Adjustments

Rates and charges described in sections 31-138 and 31-139 are set by action of the city council of the city. Any changes or adjustments to those rates are prohibited unless approved by the city council, except in the event that there is a clear error in calculation or meter reading. The <u>Utility</u> Director <u>or his designee</u> of the city water system or the city manager may, in the case of a clear error of calculation or meter reading, allow certain adjustments of amounts billed if sufficient evidence is presented by the customer. to the director of the city water system or the city manager to substantiate in writing the occurrence of such error of

calculation or meter reading. In no event shall any such adjustment be made for error of calculation or meter reading which has occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date the matter is brought to the attention of the director of the city water system or the city manager. Any adjustments will be based on the Public Utility Commission Chapter 24, subchapter E, (h)

### (b) Back Billings/Under Billings

Any adjustments will be based on the Public Utility Commission Chapter 24, subchapter E. (h).

Sec. 31-138.2. – Fire Protection Fees For Fire Protection Tanks

Annual Inspection Fee.....\$30.00

Refilling of fire protection tanks will be charged as bulk water as established under Section 31-139.

### Sec. 31-138.3 Connection Fees For Temporary Construction Meters

### CONNECT FEES FOR TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION METERS FOR (RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL) CONSTRUCTION

Water availability: Lot size (square-feet)-Under 6,000 ......300.00-6,000 - 7,999 ......500.00-8,000 - 9,999 ......750.00-10,000 and over .....1,000.00-Deposit .....100.00-Installation fee ......93.20 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" meter ......AMI \$206.20 or AMR \$182.11-During the time a temporary meter is in use, the builder will only be assessed watercharges. Upon issuance of a certificate of occupancy (CO) from the buildingdepartment, the temporary meter would become a permanent meter and all costs of services will be added to the bill (sewer, garbage, federal/state mandates,stormwater fee, tax etc.).-

Before requesting a temporary construction meter, a plumbing permit must be obtained from the Building Department. The Utilities Department will approve the sizing of the temporary construction meter(s) based on required flow rate submitted by customer or customer representative at the time of the request for the development. In addition, for commercial meters, an appropriate backflow preventer must be registered with the Utilities Department and then installed by the customer at the location. For commercial locations, if a plat approval has not been issued, then the request for a temporary construction meter will be forwarded to the Utilities Department for review and approval in order to ensure that the bacteriological and pressure tests are in compliance. The person desiring such meter shall first make an application and payment of fees (water availability, deposit, meter and meter installation) with the Utilities Department under section 31-138.1 and 31-141. The meter will be read and billed for water only during this period based on the current rates Temporary Construction meters shall be allowed for no longer than six months for residential and no longer than 9 months for commercial construction. During these time frames, if a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) from the Building Department is obtained, the temporary construction meter would become a permanent meter and all costs of services will be added to the bill (sewer, garbage, federal/state mandates, stormwater, tax and any other fees approved by City Council). The meter shall be installed, read and finally removed, if needed, by Utilities' employees only. It is illegal to remove or replace the meter by any person other than a Utilities Department employee and is subject to an illegal connection fee as established under Section 31-133 (e).

### <del>(b)</del>

Water availability charges applicable to all platted property.

(1)

Lot charges. In addition to all other charges provided for herein and inaddition to all requirements of the subdivision ordinance or otherordinances regulating the subdivision or platting of land, there shall be an additional charge for the creation of every new lot as set forthbelow:

<del>a.</del>

Residential lots:-

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For each lot that is under 6	000 square feet	\$300.00
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For each lot that is 6,000 to 7,999 square feet .....500.00

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- For each lot that is 8,000 to 9,999 square feet .....750.00
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#### <del>b.</del>

Nonresidential lots (commercial lots):-

1.

For each and every lot created which is less than one (1) acre, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipaluse water right, per lot.....\$500.00-

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For every lot which is greater than one (1) acre (any fractional acreage within such lot shall incur a proportionate charge), the equivalent of one-half acrefeet of municipal use water right, per acre .....500.00

<del>3.</del>

For every lot regardless of size created by a replat that has been previously paid under subsection 1. or 2. above, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot .....500.00-

<del>(2)</del>

Connection charges. For each connection to the water system orincrease in meter size, the following charges will be collected at the time of connection, as shown below, except for a five-eighths and three-fourths meter connection to a lot of record as defined in section-24-61(b)(59)(ii) of the zoning ordinance, for which there shall be nocharge.

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Residential lots (for which either the five-eighths by threefourths inch or one-inch meter size applies) will pay a connection fee as follows:

Meter Size ( <del>inches)</del>	<del>Lot Size</del> <del>(square feet)</del>	Amount
<del>5∕8 X 3∕4</del>	under 6,000	\$300.00-
<del>5/8 X 3/4</del>	<del>6,0007,999</del>	<del>500.00</del>
<del>5∕₀ x ³/₄</del>	<del>8,0009,989</del>	750.00
<del>5/8 X 3/4</del>	10,000 and over	1,000.00
1	any size lot	1,000.00

<del>b.</del>

Nonresidential lots (commercial lots) will have a connection feebased on the meter size:

Size of meter in inches:

 5/6" x 3/4" .....\$500.00 

 1" .....1,000.00 

 1 1/2" .....2,000.00 

 2-.....4,000.00 

 3 .....8,000.00 

 4 .....16,000.00 

 6 .....40,000.00 

 8.....64,000.00 

<del>(3)</del>

Excluded from the water availability charge are any lot or lots created prior to September 9, 1979, by a subdivision or a resubdivision of land described by metes and bounds contained in an instrument of grant or

conveyance legally executed, duly acknowledged and properlyrecorded at the county deeds records office, and filed on September-9, 1979, or afterwards within thirty (30) days from such date, which date is the publication date of the public notice printed on page 12A ofthe Laredo Times at the direction of the planning and zoningcommission; and upon proof thereof to the appropriate city official or officials, such lot or lots shall be excluded from the water availabilitycharge.

(4)

Prohibit the use of water rights to pay capital improvementcontribution fees.

(5)

The city council hereby ratifies, adopts and approves the wateravailability charge as passed and approved by the waterworks boardat its regular meeting of August 17, 1983.

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Funds collected for water availability shall be allocated to a "wateravailability fund" in the city's annual budget and shall be used topurchase water, groundwater, or water rights and/or finance studiesand pilot programs which tend to diversify and augment the watersupply. The water availability fund shall at no time be depleted morethan twenty (20) percent of the opening balance per budget year.

Sec 31-139. Outside city. Bulk Water Sates

The rates for water outside the city limits shall be one and one-half (1½) times the ratesprescribed in section 31-138 for water furnished within the city limits.

## Bulk water is used in residential and commercial construction for the testing of the water lines.

- (a) General Requirements
  - 1. Without prior permission of the Water Authority <u>Utilities Department</u>, no water may be removed from the city water system, except by the city fire department for firefighting purposes or the city water department.
  - 2. No water shall be removed from the city water system unless it is dispensed by a device installed or approved by the city.
  - 3. The city makes no guarantees regarding the quality of water after it leaves the city water system, and persons purchasing bulk water agree to hold the city harmless regarding water quality if it is removed from the city's water system.
  - Any person purchasing bulk water from the city must provide their own water containers. It is understood that water for domestic or livestock consumption should be carried in potable tanks or containers approved for such use.

- 4. The city manager <u>Utilities Director</u> or his designee may at any time halt the sale of bulk water.
- 5. Bulk water shall be dispensed and sold during operating hours established by the Water Authority and changed without notice as needed to provide continuous water service to the community.
- (b) Dispensing locations are to be certified by the Water Authority and bulk water sales are to be made available only at these specified locations. Obtaining water from any location not certified by the Water Authority is strictly prohibited. Dispensing locations are to be provided as required by the Water Authority and closed as required without notice.
- (b) Bulk Water Category Categories and Rates
  - \$30.00 administrative fee for each account opened.

Potable Water Category	<u>\$8.00</u> Proposed Rate per 1000 gallons <u>up to</u> 53,750 gallons
Oil-Gas Production / Mining / Mineral-Recovery	<del>\$12.00-</del>
Residential and Commercial Construction	<del>\$12.00</del>
Colonia (Administrative Fee Waived)	<del>\$2.50 (\$0.25 /</del> <del>100 gallons)</del>
Outside City Limits Use (Industrial Park)	\$ <del>12.00</del>
Public / Other Uses	<del>\$12.00</del>

Anything above the 53,750 gallons will be charged as commercial water rates as established in Water Rates, Sec. 31-138

Effluent Water Category	<u>\$4.00</u> <del>Proposed</del> Rate per 1000 gallons
Oil-Gas Production / Mining / Mineral Recovery	\$4.00
Residential and Commercial Construction	\$4.00
<del>Outside City Limits Use (Industrial Park)</del>	\$4.00
Public / Other Uses	\$4.00

(c) Application Requirements

- 1. Complete a Bulk Water Purchase application form.
- 2. Comply with all current application procedures as established by the Water Authority.
- 3. Comply with any and all regulations and rules established by state and federal organizations

Sec. 31-140. Rates and Connection Fees for On-Site Construction / Fire Hydrant meters, inside and outside the city limits.

(a) The City of Laredo, Utilities Department (Water Authority) issues On-Location Fire Hydrant Meters for water usage on projects to contractors/customers on a short-term basis. The Water Authority also provides Bulk Water sales for construction use at designated Dispensing Sites as established under Section 31-140.1 below. On-location fire hydrant meters are also made available; however, due to the City's water conservation efforts it is highly recommended to use Bulk Water Dispensing locations.

(b) Meters may not be used for long-term irrigation or other uses where a permanently installed meter would be appropriate. No garden hose adaptors will be allowed to be connected to the 2" Fire Hydrant Meter; only 4" diameter hoses or larger will be allowed to be connected to the Meter for large bulk-type watering, such as filling storage water tanks. Any contractor, customer, builder, or person found to be using a Meter not issued by the Water Authority or having a garden hose connected to a 2" Fire Hydrant Meter shall be considered in violation of this section.

(c) The contractor/customer shall submit the applicable fee and complete a Meter application stating the exact location for the Meter installation. The applicant shall provide the reason for the Meter and an approximate time frame the Meter will be in service. Should additional time be required, the contractor/customer shall notify the Utility Billing Division with a request for an extension. At the conclusion of each and every project, it will be updated for the finalize the Meter reading. Upon request, the application will be updated for the

new project location, time frame and transferring of applicable fees. The use of a Meter other than what is indicated on the application or without a deposit and application shall cause the Meter to be confiscated immediately. The contractor/customer must use a City of Laredo Meter and pay any and all applicable fees.

(d) Fire hydrant meter permits may be issued for a period not to exceed one year. Failure to comply with one or more of the terms and conditions shall be cause for terminating the permit.

(e) Under a standard fire hydrant meter permit, the applicant may request the use of any fire hydrant from the Water Authority's designated network fire hydrants. Water Authority staff will review such requests on a case by case basis and a decision shall be issued within five (5) business days of receiving the request.

(f) The Water Authority reserves the right to refuse to issue a fire hydrant-meter permit to any applicant or to require an applicant to pay all current charges on the applicant's Water Authority account as a condition to the issuance of a permit.

(g) System Connection and Water Use.

- (1) Water taken from fire hydrants may be used only for non-potable, nonrecreational purposes within the Water Authority service area. The use of non-potable water taken from fire hydrants for swimming pools is prohibited.
- (2) The permit holder shall utilize a backflow prevention method or device acceptable to the Water Authority at all times the fire hydrant meter is in use to protect the Water Authority's water supply. Failure to use an acceptable backflow prevention method or device shall be cause for confiscating the fire hydrant meter and terminating the permit.
- (3) The Utilities Director can appoint employees to inspect fire hydrant meters at anytime, but not less than once per annum. Permit holders shall make provisions for such inspections.
- (4) For permit holders that contract with the Water Authority, the Director is authorized to withhold all or a portion of the bond for outstanding fire hydrant meter charges including but not limited to repair and replacement of the hydrant meter and usage.
- (h) Loss, Damage and Payment Surety Bond.
  - (1) A loss, damage and payment deposit of \$3,000.00 for each fire hydrant meter is required at the time the permit is issued. If a fire hydrant meter is

lost or stolen, the \$3,000.00 deposit shall be forfeited and the permit holder shall be assessed up to \$1,000.00 charge for water usage.

- (2) <u>All or a portion of the loss, damage and payment surety deposit will be</u> refunded depending upon the cost of repairing the fire hydrant meter and the outstanding balance for meter charges when it is returned to the Water Authority. The Water Authority shall cause the repair work and compute the time and materials necessary to rehabilitate the fire hydrant meter.
- (3) The Utilities Director can waive the loss, damage and payment surety deposit for special events or non-construction related short term projects.
- (i) Reporting.

The permit holder may be required to report and pay for fire hydrant water usage on a monthly basis as deemed necessary by the Utilities Director. Fire hydrant meter readings shall be submitted, in writing between the first and tenth day of the month for water usage during the previous calendar month, regardless of whether any water usage occurred during that month. Failure to submit meter readings between the first and the tenth of the month shall result in a \$20.00 late meter reading fee per occurrence. Failure to report meter readings on or before the last day of the month the readings are due shall be cause for confiscation of the meter and termination of the permit.

- (i) Fees and Charges.
- (k) The nonrefundable connection fee is \$325.00 for each hydrant issued for a fire hydrant meter permit.
- (I) All fire hydrant meter permit holders shall pay a monthly maintenance and water demand charge of \$170.00. This monthly maintenance charge shall not be prorated...
- (m)A contractor /customer may request the installation of a Fire Hydrant meter for on-location service at a rate of \$2,500 for Fire Hydrant installation only. All other charges and deposits apply.
- (n) All water withdrawn from a fire hydrant shall be charged at the rate of \$8.00 per 1000 gallons. Connections to fire hydrants in violation of this Ordinance will be subject to the penalties specified herein and shall be considered an illegal connection and be subject to hydrant meter confiscation.
- (o) The permit holder shall be required to remit payment for all water withdrawn from fire hydrants on a monthly basis. Failure to remit payment in full within ten days after notice is issued shall result in a \$50.00 or 10% of the account balance whichever greater, late payment fee per occurrence, and shall be cause for confiscation of the fire hydrant meter and termination of the permit.

(p) The minimum monthly rates for water used for fire hydrant, mining or mineral recovery, whether supplied inside the city limits or supplied outside the city limits, shall be as follows:

Meter- Connection- (inches)	Proposed Minimum Monthly Rate	Old- Rates
11/2	\$310.00	<del>\$185</del>
2	430.00	\$225

### Sec. 31-140. Fire Hydrant Meters

### (a) System Connection and Water Use.

The City of Laredo, Utilities Department (Water Authority) issues On-Location Fire Hydrant Meters for water usage on projects to contractors/customers on a shortterm basis. The Water Authority also provides Bulk Water sales for construction use at designated Dispensing Sites as established under Section 31-140.1 below. On-location fire hydrant meters are also made available, however due to the City's water conservation efforts it is highly recommended to use Bulk Water Dispensing locations. Water taken from fire hydrants may be used only for non-potable, nonrecreational purposes within the Water Authority <u>Utilities Department</u> service area. The use of non-potable water taken from fire hydrants for swimming pools is prohibited. <u>Fire Hydrant</u> Meters may not be used for long-term irrigation or other uses where a permanently installed meter would be appropriate. No garden hose adaptors will be allowed to be connected to the 2" Fire Hydrant Meter; only 4" diameter hoses or larger will be allowed to be connected to the Meter for large bulk type watering, such as filling storage water tanks. <u>The Utilities Director may</u> remove any Fire Hydrant meter due to pressure issues.

### (b) Application Process and Inspection

The contractor/customer shall submit the applicable fee and complete a <u>Fire</u> <u>Hydrant</u> Meter application stating the exact location for the Meter installation. The applicant shall provide the reason for the Meter and an approximate time frame the Meter will be in service. <u>Should additional time be required, the</u>

contractor/customer-shall notify the Utility Billing Division with a request for an extension. At the conclusion of each and every project, it will be necessary to finalize the Meter reading. Upon request, the application will be updated for the new project location, time frame and transferring of applicable fees. The use of a Meter other than what is indicated on the application or without a deposit and application shall cause the Meter to be confiscated immediately. The contractor/customer must use a City of Laredo Meter and pay any and all applicable fees. Fire hydrant meter permits may be issued for a period not to exceed one year. Failure to comply with one or more of the terms and conditions shall be cause for terminating the permit. Under a standard fire hydrant meter permit, the applicant may request the use of any fire hydrant from the Water Authority's Utilities Department's designated network fire hydrants. The Water Authority Utilities Department staff will review such requests on a case by case basis and a decision shall be issued within five (5) business days of receiving the request. The Water Authority Utilities Department reserves the right to refuse to issue a fire hydrant meter permit to any applicant or to require an applicant to pay all current charges on the applicant's Water Authority Utilities account as a condition to the issuance of a permit. The Utilities Department can inspect fire hydrant meters at anytime and the permit holders shall make provisions for such inspections. The permit holder shall use the utilize a backflow preventor prevention method or device acceptable to the Water Authority provided with the Fire Hydrant Meter at all times the fire hydrant meter is in use to protect the Water Authority's City's water supply. Failure to use an acceptable Removal of the backflow prevention method or device shall be cause for confiscating the fire hydrant meter and terminating the permit. Any contractor, customer, builder, or person found connected to the Water System without the City's approval to be using a Meter not issued by the Water Authority or having a hose connected to a 2" Fire Hydrant Meter shall be considered in violation of this section. Connections to fire hydrants in violation of this Ordinance will be subject to the penalties specified herein and shall be considered an illegal connection and be subject to a \$500.00 illegal connection fee. hydrant meter confiscation.

(c) Fees and Charges.

1. A deposit of \$300.00 is required for each fire hydrant meter account.

<u>2.</u> The nonrefundable connection installation fee is \$325.00 for each hydrant issued for a fire hydrant meter permit.

<u>3.</u> All water withdrawn from a fire hydrant meter(s) shall be charged a minimum monthly charge of \$430.00 which will provide at the rate of \$8.00 per 1000 gallons up to 53,750 gallons. The minimum monthly rates for water used for fire hydrant, mining or mineral recovery, whether supplied inside the city limits or supplied outside the city limits, shall be as follows: Anything above the minimum consumption will be charged as established in Sec. 31-138 Water Rates.

Meter-Connection (inches)	Proposed Minimum Monthly Rate
1 1/2	\$ <del>310.00</del>
2	\$4 <del>30.00</del>

All fire hydrant meter permit holders shall pay a monthly maintenance and water demand charge of \$170.00. This monthly maintenance charge shall not be prorated.

<u>4.</u> A contractor/customer may request for <u>a on-location fire hydrant meter</u>. If <u>no Fire Hydrant exists at the location, the total cost for</u> the installation of a <u>new</u> Fire Hydrant meter for on-location service <u>is \$4,625.00</u> at a rate of (\$1,500 for the fire hydrant, \$2,500 for <u>the</u> Fire Hydrant installation <del>only</del>, \$300.00 deposit and \$325.00 for the fire hydrant meter installation). All other charges and deposits apply.

5. The permit holder may be required to report and pay for fire hydrant water usage on a monthly basis as deemed necessary by the Utilities Director. Fire hydrant meter readings shall be submitted, in writing between the first and tenth day of the month for water usage during the previous calendar month, regardless of whether any water usage occurred during that month. Failure to submit meter readings between the first and the tenth of the month shall result-in a \$20.00 late meter reading fee per occurrence. Failure to report meter readings on or before the last day of the month the readings are due shall be cause for confiscation of the meter and termination of the permit. The permit holder shall be required to remit payment for all water withdrawn from fire hydrants on a monthly basis. Failure to remit payment in full within ten days after notice is issued shall result in a \$50.00 or 10% of the account balance whichever greater, late payment fee per occurrence, and shall be cause for confiscation of the fire hydrant meter and termination of the permit. A late fee of 5% or \$5.00 whichever is greater is charged to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month.

6. Fire Hydrant flow test (if required).....\$150.00

### (d) Loss, Damage and Payment Surety Bond

For permit holders that contract with the Water Authority <u>Utilities Department</u>, the Director is authorized to withhold all or a portion of the bond <u>deposit</u> for outstanding fire hydrant meter charges including but not limited to repair and replacement of the hydrant meter and usage.

A loss, damage and payment deposit of \$3,000.00 for each fire hydrant meter is required at the time the permit is issued. If a fire hydrant meter is

lost or stolen, the \$3,000.00 deposit shall be forfeited and the permit holder must file a police report and pay the minimum charge for one month. shall be assessed up to \$1,000.00 charge for water usage. All or a portion of the loss, damage and payment surety deposit will be refunded depending upon the cost of repairing the fire hydrant meter and the outstanding balance for meter charges when it is returned to the Water Authority. The Water Authority shall cause the repair work and compute the time and materials necessary to rehabilitate the fire hydrant meter. The Utilities Director can waive the loss, damage and payment surety deposit for special events or non-construction related short term projects.

### Sec. 31-140.1 Bulk Water Sales

- (d) General Requirements
  - a. Without prior permission of the Water Authority, no water may be removed from the city water system, except by the city fire department for firefighting purposes or the city water department.
  - b. No water shall be removed from the city water system unless it is dispensed by a device installed or approved by the city.
  - c. The city makes no guarantees regarding the quality of water after it leaves the city water system, and persons purchasing bulk water agree to hold the city harmless regarding water quality if it is removed from the city's water system.
  - d. Any person purchasing bulk water from the city must provide their own water containers. It is understood that water for domestic or livestock consumption should be carried in potable tanks or containers approved for such use.
  - e. The city manager or his designee may at any time halt the sale of bulk water.
  - f. Bulk water shall be dispensed and sold during operating hours established by the Water Authority and changed without notice as needed to provide continuous water service to the community.
- (e) Dispensing locations are to be certified by the Water Authority and bulk water sales are to be made available only at these specified locations. Obtaining water from any location not certified by the Water Authority is strictly prohibited. Dispensing locations are to be provided as required by the Water Authority and closed as required without notice.
- (f) Bulk Water Category and Rates

- \$30.00 administrative fee for each account opened.

Potable Water Category	Proposed Rate per 1000 gallons
Oil-Gas Production / Mining / Mineral Recovery	<del>\$12.00</del>
Residential and Commercial Construction	<del>\$12.00</del>
Colonia (Administrative Fee Waived)	\$2,50 (\$0.25 / 100 gallons)
Outside City Limits Use (Industrial Park)	<del>\$12.00-</del>
Public / Other Uses	<del>\$12.00</del>

Effluent Water Category	Proposed Rate per 1000 gallons				
Oil-Gas Production / Mining / Mineral Recovery	<del>\$4.00</del>				
Residential and Commercial Construction	\$4.00				
Outside City Limits Use (Industrial Park)	<b>\$4.00</b>				
Public / Other Uses	<b>\$4.00</b>				

(g) Application Requirements

- 4. Complete a Bulk Water Purchase application form.
- 5. Comply with all current application procedures as established by the Water Authority.
- 6. Comply with any and all regulations and rules established by state and federal organizations

Sec. 31-141. - Changes or adjustments. Water Availability

Rates and charges described in sections 31-138 and 31-139 are set by action of the city council of the city. Any changes or adjustments to those rates are prohibited unless approved by the city council, except in the event that there is a clear error in calculation or meter reading. The Director of the city water system or the city manager may, in the case of a clear error of calculation or meter reading, allow certain adjustments of amounts billed if sufficient evidence is presented by the customer, to the director of the city water system or meter reading. In no event shall any such adjustment be made for error of calculation or meter reading which has occurred more than three (3) years prior to the date the matter is brought to the attention of the director of the city water system or the city manager.

<del>(b)</del>

Water availability charges applicable to all platted property.

<u>(a)</u> (1)

Lot charges. In addition to all other charges provided for herein and in addition to all requirements of the subdivision ordinance or other ordinances regulating the subdivision or platting of land, there shall be an additional charge for the creation of every new lot as set forth below:

<u>1.-a.</u>

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a.-1.

For each lot that is under 6,000 square feet .....\$300.00

## b.<del>2.</del>

- For each lot that is 6,000 to 7,999 square feet .....500.00 <u>c.</u>-3.
  - For each lot that is 8,000 to 9,999 square feet .....750.00

<u>d.</u>-4.

For each lot that is 10,000 square feet and over .....1, 000.00

### **2.-**<del>Ъ</del>.

Nonresidential lots (commercial lots):

<u>a. 1.</u>

For each and every lot created which is less than one (1) acre, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot ..... \$500.00

<u>b.-2.</u>

For every lot which is greater than one (1) acre (any fractional acreage within such lot shall incur a proportionate charge), the equivalent of one-half acrefeet of municipal use water right, per acre .....500.00

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For every lot regardless of size created by a replat that has been previously paid under subsection 1, or 2. above, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot .....500.00

## <u>(b)</u> <del>(2)</del>

Connection charges. For each connection to the water system or increase in meter size, the following charges will be collected at the 29

time of connection, as shown below, except for a five-eighths and three-fourths meter connection to a lot of record as defined in section 24-61(b)(59)(ii) of the zoning ordinance, for which there shall be no charge.

<u>1.-a.</u>

Residential lots (for which either the five-eighths by threefourths inch or one-inch meter size applies) will pay a connection fee as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Lot Size (square feet)	Amount
5/8 X 3/4	under 6,000	\$300.00
5/6 X 3/4	6,000—7,999	500.00
5/• x 3/4	8,0009,999	750.00
5/a X 3/4	10,000 and over	1,000.00
1	any size lot	1,000.00

<u>2.-</u>Ъ.

Nonresidential lots (commercial lots) will have a connection fee based on the meter size:

Size of meter in inches:

- 5%" x 3/4" .....\$500.00 1" .....1,000.00 1 1/2" ....2,000.00 2 .....4,000.00 3 .....8,000.00 4 .....16,000.00 6 .....40,000.00 8....64,000.00
- <u>(c)</u> <del>(3)</del>

Excluded from the water availability charge are any lot or lots created prior to September 9, 1979, by a subdivision or a resubdivision of land described by metes and bounds contained in an instrument of grant or conveyance legally executed, duly acknowledged and properly recorded at the county deeds records office, and filed on September 9, 1979, or afterwards within thirty (30) days from such date, which date is the publication date of the public notice printed on page 12A of the Laredo Times at the direction of the planning and zoning commission; and upon proof thereof to the appropriate city official or officials, such lot or lots shall be excluded from the water availability charge. <u>(d) (4)</u>

Prohibit the use of water rights to pay capital improvement contribution fees.

<u>(e) (5)</u>

The city council hereby ratifies, adopts and approves the water availability charge as passed and approved by the waterworks board at its regular meeting of August 17, 1983.

<u>(f) <del>(6)</del></u>

Funds collected for water availability shall be allocated to a "water availability fund" in the city's annual budget and shall be used to purchase water, groundwater, or water rights and/or finance studies and pilot programs which tend to diversify and augment the water supply. The water availability fund shall at no time be depleted more than twenty (20) percent of the opening balance per budget year.

### Section 2. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

Section 3. Repeal law in conflict.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication.

This Ordinance shall be published according to Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of September 1, 2016, pursuant to the City Charter, Section 2.09 (B).

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City Council-Regular Meeting Date: 07/18/2016 Initiated By: Robert Eads, Assistant City Manager Staff Source: Riazul I. Mia, P.E., Utilities Director

## SUBJECT

2016-0-086 Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 1 (Generally), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), section 31-16 (Definitions) of the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, by adding Commercial and Multi-family Customer definitions, clarifying the Residential Customer, Approving Authority and Industrial Waste definitions, and deleting the General Manager definition; also amending Article III, (WATER), Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES) by renaming section 31-138 (Water Rates and Availability) to (Water Rates). Creating subsection title 31-138.1 (Fees and Service Charges); deleting Ductile Iron Pipe Costs for 6" to 16" from section 31-138 (new 138.1); moving Connect Fees For Construction /Fire Hydrant Meters from Sec 31-138 to Sec. 31-140; moving Sec. 31-141 (Changes and adjustments) contents under Sec. 31-138.1 and adding further definition on Adjustments and Back Billings/Under Billings. Creating subsection 31-138.2 (Fire Protection Fees For Fire Protection Tanks) and adding charges. Creating subsection 31-138.3 (Connection Fees For Temporary Construction Meters) and clarifying the temporary construction meter process under section 31-138 (new 138.3). Moving Water Availability contents from Sec. 31-138 to Sec. 31-141. Deleting the contents of section 31-139 (Outside City); renaming Sec. 31-139 to (Bulk Water Sales); moving Sec. 31-140.1 (Bulk Water Sales) contents under Sec. 31-139; and amending the (Bulk Water Sales) section. Renaming Sec. 31-140, (Rates and Connection Fees For On-Site Construction /Fire Hydrant Meters, Inside and Outside The City Limits) to (Fire Hydrant Meters); Amending section 31-140 (Fire Hydrant Meters), System Connection and Water Use. Application Process and Inspection, Fees and Charges, and Loss, Damage, and Payment: Deleting section 31-140.1 (Bulk Water Sales). Renaming section 31-141 (Changes or adjustments) to (Water Availability); Providing for publication and an effective date.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On June 20th, 2016, the City Council introduced the ordinance.

## BACKGROUND

The Utilities department is constantly looking to provide better customer services to our community and looking ways to clarify the Ordinance for rates and services charges. The existing ordinance needs to be modified to define the process of requesting the temporary construction and Fire hydrant meters. The definitions sections also needs to be updated to reflect the better understanding. Also, to remove the fees for construction

of Ductile Iron Pipe which was in the previous ordinance. This proposed ordinance will also, reduce the cost of Fire hydrant and Bulk water fees and establish a rate structures for the fire protection Tanks and inspections.

# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of the ordinance.

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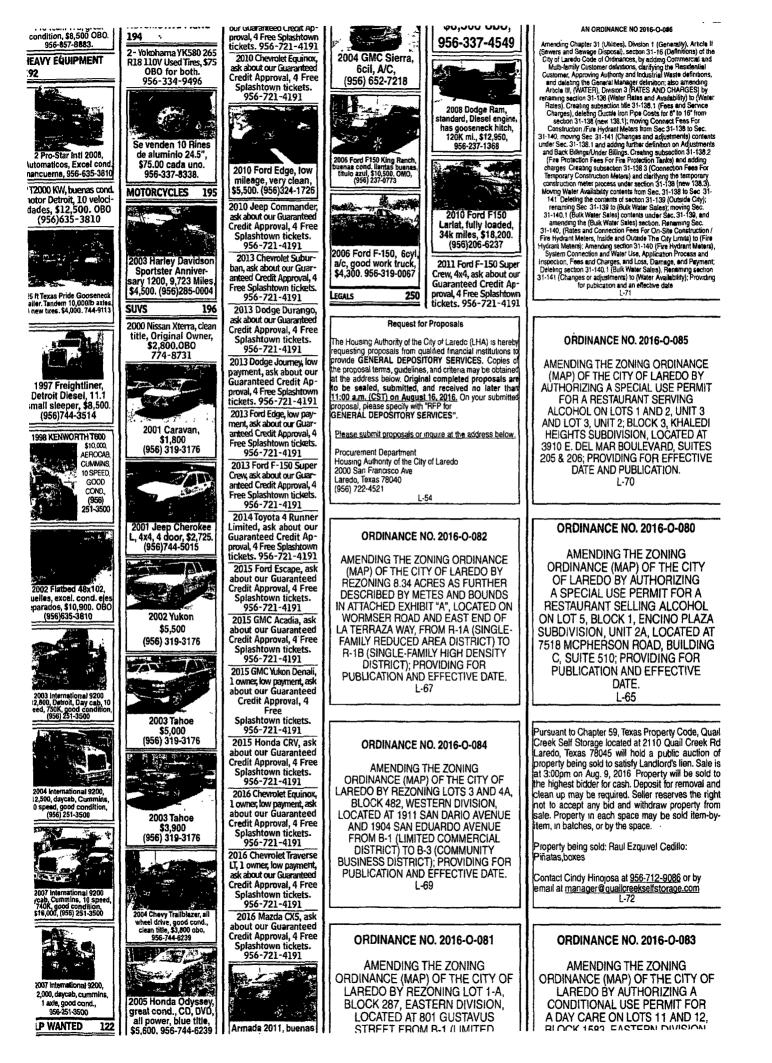
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## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of the ordinance no 2016-O-086.

	Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:	2016
Bugeted Y/N?:	
Source of Funds:	
Account #:	
Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N	l:
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	
None.	
	Attachments

2016-0-086



### **ORDINANCE NO 2016-0-143**

Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 5 (Rates and Charges), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), by renaming section 31-92 (Inside City Limits) to (Rates and Charges), by removing the rate cap for residential accounts over 30,000 gallons and charging the same rate as the tier for usage of 20,001 to 30,000 gallons; modifying the commercial rate by combining the existing tiers of 10,001 to 30,000 gallons and the 30,001 to 40,000 gallons into one tier of 10,001 to 40,000 gallons and keeping the rate of the 30,001 to 40,000 gallons rate; modifying the tiers of 150,001 to 300,000 gallons and the 300,001 to 600,000 gallons to match the residential rate tier for equal consumption and keeping the annual rate increases at a 2% as previously approved by City Council up until 2037. Creating section 31-102 (Fees) and moving the fees contents from Sec. 31-92 (Rates and Charges) to section 31-102. Providing for publication and an effective date.

WHEREAS, the sewer system continues to grow at increased levels per year and the rehabilitation and improvements needed for existing infrastructure is critical; and

WHEREAS, funding the sewer system's capital expansion and improvement plan will require the issuance of revenue and other bonds, the repayment of which will come primarily from the revenues generated by the sewer system's user fees and charges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

### ARTICLE II: SEWAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

### **DIVISION 5: RATES AND CHARGES**

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#### Sec. 31-92. Inside City Limits Rates and Charges

(a) Premises connected with system. Charges shall be paid by all persons owning or occupying premises which are connected with the sanitary sewage system in accordance with the following schedule of rates; and such charges as are hereinafter described are hereby levied and assessed, as hereinafter provided:

(1) Monthly sewer rate charges shall be based on metered water consumption as described on the following tables scheduled for annual adjustments beginning on October 1, 2008, and every year that follows up to 2037.

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			2008	~	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Residential Minimum Charge	1 E	<del>11.36</del>											
0	\$	2,000	gal	<del>\$8.5</del> 0	<del>\$8.5</del> 0	<del>\$8.50</del>	<del>\$8.5</del> 0	<del>\$8.50</del>	<del>58.93</del>	<del>\$9.10</del>	<del>\$9.29</del>	<del>\$9.47</del>	<del>\$9.66</del>
Volumetric Rate	ric B	ate											
2,001	\$	4,000	<del>leg</del>	\$1.57	<del>\$2.29</del>	<del>\$2.56</del>	<del>\$7.77</del>	<del>53.91</del>	<del>\$3.05</del>	\$3.11	\$3.18	\$3.24	\$3.30
4,001	\$	40,000	<del>ga</del> t	<del>\$1.59</del>	\$2.33	<del>\$2.61</del>	<del>\$2.82</del>	<del>\$2.96</del>	\$3.10	<del>\$3.1</del> 7	<del>53.23</del>	<del>\$3.29</del>	\$3.36
10,001	\$	20,000	<del>Es</del>	57:15	\$2.45	\$2.74	<del>\$2.96</del>	<del>\$3.11</del>	17:65	<del>53.33</del>	\$3.40	<del>\$3.47</del>	\$3.54
20,001	<del>to</del>	30,000	<del>gal</del>	\$1.85	<del>\$2.63</del>	\$2.94	<del>\$3.18</del>	<del>\$3.34</del>	<del>\$3.51</del>	<del>\$3.58</del>	<del>\$3.65</del>	<del>23.72</del>	\$3.79
30,001	and	greater	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	\$0.00	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0:00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	\$0.00
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			2018	· ~	2019	2020	2021-	2022	2023	2024	<del>2025</del>	2026	2027
<del>Residential</del> Minimum Charge		<del>nge</del>											
Ð	\$	2,000	gal	<del>\$9.85</del>	<del>\$10.05</del>	<del>\$10.25</del>	<del>\$10.46</del>	<del>\$10.67</del>	<del>\$10.88</del>	<del>\$11.10</del>	<del>\$11.32</del>	<del>\$11.56</del>	\$11.78
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2,001	\$	4,000	feg	25.37	<del>\$3.44</del>	\$3.51	<del>\$3.58</del>	<del>\$3.65</del>	<del>53.72</del>	<del>\$3.80</del>	<del>28.62</del>	<del>\$3.95</del>	\$4.03
4,001	te	<u> 10,000</u>	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$3.43</del>	<del>\$3.50</del>	<del>\$3.5</del> 7	<del>\$3.64</del>	<del>\$3.71</del>	<del>\$3.78</del>	<del>\$3.86</del>	<del>\$3.94</del>	<del>\$1.02</del>	\$4.10
<del>10,001</del>	<del>t</del> 0	<del>20,000</del>	Bał	<del>\$3.61</del>	<del>\$3.68</del>	<del>\$3.75</del>	<del>83.83</del>	<del>\$3.91</del>	<del>\$3.98</del>	<del>\$1.06</del>	<del>\$4.14</del>	<del>67.12</del>	\$4.34
20,001	<b>t</b>	30,000	gal	<del>\$3.8</del> 7	<del>\$3.95</del>	<del>\$4.03</del>	<del>\$4.11</del>	<del>\$4.19</del>	\$4.27	<del>\$4.36</del>	<del>\$4.45</del>	\$4.54	\$4.63
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Residential- Minimum-Charge	tat Che	<del>nge</del>											
0	\$	<del>2,000</del>	feg	<del>\$12.01</del>	\$12.25	<del>\$12.50</del>	<del>\$12.75</del>	<del>\$13.00</del>	\$13.26	<del>\$13.53</del>	\$13.80	<del>\$14.07</del>	\$14.07
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4,001	te	10,000	Bat	<del>\$4.18</del>	<del>\$4.26</del>	<del>\$4.35</del>	<del>\$4.43</del>	<del>\$4.52</del>	<del>\$4.61</del>	<del>\$4.71</del>	<del>\$1.80</del>	<del>\$1.90</del>	\$4.90
<del>10,001</del>	\$	<del>20,000</del>	gal	<del>\$4.40</del>	<del>\$4.49</del>	<del>\$4.58</del>	<del>\$4.67</del>	<del>\$4.76</del>	<del>\$4.86</del>	<del>\$4.95</del>	<del>\$5.05</del>	<del>\$5.15</del>	<del>\$5.15</del>
<del>20,001</del>	\$	30,000	gal	<del>\$4.72</del>	<del>\$4.81</del>	<del>\$4.91</del>	<del>\$5.01</del>	<del>\$5.11</del>	<del>\$5.21</del>	<del>\$5,31</del>	<del>\$5.42</del>	<del>\$5.53</del>	<del>\$5,53</del>
<del>30,001</del>	and	<del>greater</del>	gat	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0:00</del>	<del>\$0'00</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0:00</del>	<del>00'0\$</del>	<del>\$0:00</del>	<del>00'0\$</del>	<del>\$0.00</del>	<del>\$0:00</del>

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	Oct 2015	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
0	2,000	\$9.29	\$9.47	\$9 66	\$9.85	\$10.05	\$10.25	2%
2,001	4,000	\$3.18	\$3.24	\$3.30	\$3.37	\$3.44	\$3.51	2%
4,001	10,000	\$3.23	\$3.29	\$3.36	\$3.43	\$3.50	\$3.57	2%
10,001	20,000	\$3 40	\$3.47	\$3.54	\$3.61	\$3.68	\$3 75	2%
20,001	30,000	\$3.65	\$3.72	\$3.79	\$3.87	\$3.95	\$4 03	2%
30,001	Greater	\$0.00 \$3.65	<b>\$0.00</b> <u>\$3.72</u>	<b>\$0.00</b> \$3.79	\$0.00 \$3.87	<b>\$0.00</b> \$3.95	<del>\$0.00</del> \$4.03	2%

Commercial:

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			2008	96	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015-	2016	2017
Commercial/Multifamily Minimum Charge	₹ ₽	kultifamily ' <del>3e</del>											
0	\$	te 2,000	gal	\$13.38	<del>\$18.35</del>	<del>\$20.65</del>	<del>\$21.68</del>	\$22.76	<del>\$23.9</del> 0	<del>\$21.38</del>	\$24.87	<del>\$25.36</del>	\$25,87
Volumetric Rate	4	te-											
2,001	\$	te 4,000	हुम	\$1.25	\$1.69	<del>\$1.89</del>	<u>\$2.00</u>	<u>\$2.10</u>	<del>\$2.21</del>	<del>\$2.32</del>	\$2.37	<del>\$2.41</del>	\$2.46
4,001	\$	te 150,000	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$1.69</del>	<del>\$1.89</del>	<del>\$2.00</del>	\$2.10	<del>\$2.21</del>	\$2.32	<del>52.37</del>	\$2.41	\$2.46	\$2.51
<del>10,001</del>	\$	te 30,000	<u>fa</u>	\$1.77	<del>\$1.98</del>	\$2.40	<del>\$2.20</del>	<del>\$2.3</del> 1	<del>\$2.43</del>	<del>\$2.48</del>	\$2.53	<del>\$2.58</del>	\$2.63
30,001	\$	40,000	gal	<del>\$1.93</del>	\$2.16	\$2.29	\$2.41	<del>\$2.53</del>	<del>\$2.65</del>	<del>\$2.71</del>	\$2.76	<del>\$2.82</del>	<del>\$2.87</del>
40,001	\$	150,000	<u>ga</u> l	\$2.00	\$2.24	<del>25.37</del>	\$2.49	<del>\$2.62</del>	\$2.75	<del>\$2.80</del>	\$2.86	<del>\$2.91</del>	<u>\$2.97</u>
<del>150,001</del>	\$	300,000	Sal	\$2.23	\$2.49	<del>\$2.64</del>	\$2.78	<del>\$2.92</del>	<del>\$3.06</del>	\$3.42	\$3.19	<del>\$3.25</del>	\$3.31
300,001	<b>t</b>	600,000	gal	\$2.46	\$2.75	\$2.92	<del>\$3.06</del>	\$3.22	\$3.38	\$3.44	<del>\$3.51</del>	<del>\$3.58</del>	<del>\$3.66</del>
<del>600,001</del>	\$	te 1,000,000	<del>ga</del> l	\$2.92	<del>17:6\$</del>	<del>\$3.46</del>	<del>\$3.63</del>	<del>\$3.82</del>	\$1.01	<del>\$1.09</del>	<del>\$4.1</del> 7	\$4.25	\$4.34
1,000,001	\$	to greater	Tes	\$3.54	<del>\$3.96</del>	\$4.20	\$4.41	<del>\$1.63</del>	<del>\$1.86</del>	<del>\$1.96</del>	<del>\$5.06</del>	<del>\$5.16</del>	\$5.26
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Commercial/Multifamily Minimum Charge	1	lultifamily 3e											
0	\$	te 2,000	Tes	\$26.39	\$26.92	<del>\$27.46</del>	<del>\$28.00</del>	<u> 528.56</u>	\$29.14	<del>\$29.72</del>	<del>\$30.31</del>	\$30.92	\$31.54
<b>Volumetric Rate</b>	a a	te											
2,001	\$	to 4,000	ga	<del>gal</del> <del>\$2.51</del>	<u>\$2.56</u>	\$2.61	<del>\$2.66</del>	27.72	\$2.77	\$2.83	\$2.88	<del>52.94</del>	\$3.00
4 <del>,001</del>	\$	te 10,000	<del>ga</del> l	<del>\$2.56</del>	<del>\$2.6</del> 1	<del>\$2.66</del>	\$2.72	<del>\$2.77</del>	<del>\$2.83</del>	<u>\$2.88</u>	<del>\$2.94</del>	<del>\$3.00</del>	<del>\$3.06</del>
<del>10,001</del>	\$	te 30,000	gal	<del>\$2.68</del>	<del>\$2,7</del> 4	<del>\$2.79</del>	<del>\$2.85</del>	<del>\$2.90</del>	\$2.96	<del>\$3.02</del>	<del>\$3.08</del>	\$3.14	<del>\$3.21</del>
<del>30,001</del>	to	40,000	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$2.93</del>	<del>\$2.99</del>	<del>\$3.05</del>	<del>\$3.11</del>	<del>\$3.17</del>	\$3.23	<del>\$3.30</del>	<del>\$3.36</del>	\$3.43	<del>\$3.50</del>
40,001	\$	<del>150,000</del>	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$3.03</del>	<del>\$3.09</del>	\$3.15	<del>77.6\$</del>	<del>\$3.28</del>	<del>\$3.35</del>	<del>\$3.41</del>	<del>\$3.48</del>	\$3,55	\$3.62
<del>150,001</del>	te	300,000	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$3.38</del>	<del>\$3.45</del>	\$3.52	<del>\$3.59</del>	<del>\$3.66</del>	<del>\$3.73</del>	<del>\$3.81</del>	<del>\$3.88</del>	<del>\$3:96</del>	\$4.04
300,001	<del>ta</del>	600,000	gat	\$3.73	<del>\$3.80</del>	<del>\$3.88</del>	<del>\$3.96</del>	\$4.04	\$4.12	\$4.20	<del>\$4.28</del>	\$4.37	\$4.46
600,001	<b>t</b>	1,000,000	gal	<del>\$4.42</del>	<del>\$4.5</del> 1		<del>\$4.70</del>	<del>\$4.79</del>	<del>\$4.89</del>	<del>\$1.98</del>	<del>\$5.08</del>	<del>\$5.18</del>	<del>\$5.29</del>
1,000,001	\$	<del>greater</del>	fes	<del>\$5.37</del>	<del>\$5.4</del> 7	<del>\$5.58</del>	<del>\$5.70</del>	<del>\$5.81</del>	<del>\$5.93</del>	<del>\$6.04</del>	<del>\$6.16</del>	<del>\$6.29</del>	<del>\$6.41</del>
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Commercial/Multifamily Minimum Charee	har	lultifamil <del>y.</del> 96-											
0	\$	to 2,000	<del>ga</del> l	<del>gal</del> <del>\$32.17</del>	18:255	\$33.47	<u>\$34.14</u>	\$34.82	<del>\$35.52</del>	\$36.23	<del>\$36.95</del>	\$37.69	\$37.69
Volumetric Rate	]	te											
2,000	\$	te 4,000	Bal	\$3.06	\$3.12	\$3.18	\$3.25	\$3.34	\$3.38	\$3.45	<del>\$3.52</del>	<del>\$3.59</del>	<del>\$3.66</del>
4,00 <del>1</del>	\$	te 10,000	gat	<del>\$3.12</del>	\$3.18	<del>\$3.25</del>	<del>\$3.31</del>	<del>\$3.38</del>	\$3.45	<del>\$3.52</del>	<del>\$3.59</del>	<del>\$3.66</del>	<del>\$3.66</del>
<del>10,001</del>	<b>t</b>	30,000	<del>ga</del>		\$3.34	\$3.40	\$3.47	<del>\$3.54</del>	\$3.61	\$3.68	97.5\$	\$3.83	<del>\$3.83</del>
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	\$	<del>150,000</del>	gat	\$3.70				<del>\$4.00</del>	<del>\$4.08</del>	<del>\$4.16</del>	\$4.25	<del>\$4.33</del>	<del>\$4.33</del>
150,001	\$	300,000	gal	<del>\$1.12</del>	<del>\$4.20</del>	<del>\$4.29</del>	<del>\$4.37</del>	<del>\$4.46</del>	<del>\$4.55</del>	<del>\$4.64</del>	<del>\$4.73</del>	<del>\$4.83</del>	<del>\$4.83</del>
300,001	\$	te 600,000	<del>ga</del> l	<u>\$4.5</u> 4	<del>\$4.64</del>	£1.12	<u>\$4.82</u>	<del>\$4.92</del>	<del>\$5.02</del>	<del>\$5.12</del>	<del>\$5.22</del>	<del>\$5.32</del>	\$5.32

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<del>1,000,001</del>	ŧo	<del>greater</del>	<del>gal</del>	<del>\$6.5</del> 4	<del>\$6.67</del>	<del>\$6.81</del>	<del>\$6.9</del> 4	<del>\$7.08</del>	<del>\$7.22</del>	<del>\$7.37</del>	<del>\$7.52</del>	<del>\$7.67</del>	<del>\$7.67</del>

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	Oct 2015	Oct. 2016	Oct. 2017	Oct 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
0	2,000	\$24.87	\$25.36	\$25 87	\$26.39	\$26.92	\$27 46	2%
2,001	4,000	\$2.37	\$2.41	\$2.46	\$2 51	\$2.56	\$2.61	2%
4,001	10,000	\$2.41	\$2.46	\$2.51	\$2.56	\$2.61	\$2.66	2%
<del>10,001</del>	30,000	\$2.53	\$ <u>2.58</u>	\$ <del>2.63</del>	<del>\$2.68</del>	\$2.74	\$ <del>2.74</del>	2%
<del>30,001</del> <u>10,001</u>	40,000	\$2.76	\$2.82	\$2.87	\$2.93	\$2.99	\$3.05	2%
40,001	150,000	\$2.86	\$2 91	\$2.97	\$3.03	\$3 09	\$3.15	2%
150,001	300,000	\$3.19	\$3.25 \$3.72	<b>\$3.31</b> <b>\$3.79</b>	\$3.38 \$3.87	<b>\$3.45</b> <b>\$3.95</b>	\$3.52 \$4.03	2%
300,001	600,000	\$3.51	<del>\$3.58</del> \$3.72	<del>\$3.66</del> \$3.79	<del>\$3.73</del> <u>\$3.87</u>	<del>\$3.80</del> <u>\$3.95</u>	<del>\$3.88</del> \$4.03	2%
600,001	1,000,000	\$4.17	\$4.25	\$4.34	\$4.42	\$4.51	\$4.60	2%
1,000,001	Greater	\$5.06	\$5.16	\$5.26	\$5.37	\$5.47	\$5.58	2%

(2) There shall be no maximum monthly charges for residential and commercial users.

### Sec. 31-93. - Metering devices.

(a)

The owner or occupant of any building connected to the sanitary sewage system using water from water wells or other sources shall be required to install at such owner's cost and expense a metering device in such sewage line and the charge at the rates set out in section 31-92 shall be based on the amount of flow into the sanitary sewage system as shown by such meter. Any such metering device so installed shall be approved by the city sewer system.

(b)

Any commercial user who uses metered water as a component of a manufactured product (such as an ice plant or bottling plant) may at his option install a metering device in such sewage line at his cost and expense and the charge at the above rates shall be based on the amount of flow into the sanitary sewage system as shown by such meter. Any such metering device so installed shall be approved by the city sewer system. If such commercial user does not install a metering device, he shall be charged in accordance with the rate schedule set out in section 31-92 as to all metered water consumption.

### Sec. 31-94. - Time of payment of charges.

The sewer charges set out in <u>section 31-92</u> shall be due and payable monthly as water bills are paid to the city and shall be at the same place and within the same time such water bill is payable, and such charges shall be added to and billed with such water bill.

### Sec. 31-95. - Penalty for nonpayment; deferred payment plan.

(a)

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*Penalty.* Any person who shall fail to pay the sewer charges or rentals levied in this division and assessed within ten (10) days from the time same becomes due and payable shall be subject to have their water service discontinued by the board of the waterworks system, and in addition shall be subject to have their sewer disconnected from the city's sewer system and lines, and thereafter no sewer connection which has been disconnected for the nonpayment of charges shall again be connected for the same user until all costs incurred in the actual physical disconnect and reconnect shall have been paid, and delinquent sewer charges have been paid; provided that, no such sewer disconnection shall be made without first giving the users ten (10) days written notice.

(b)

Deferred payment plan.

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*Applicability*. The deferred payment plan is applicable to all services billed by the utilities department including water, sewer, garbage, federal and state mandates, tax and any other services attached to the utilities bill in the future.

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(3)

*Eligibility.* Individuals or business entities whose account is in arrears or who are unable to pay a billed amount are eligible to enroll in the deferred payment plan. Customers, however, are only eligible to use this recourse for one (1) bill at a time and are not eligible again until the full amount in a prior enrollment is liquidated.

Payment period. The maximum allowable repayment period for residential and commercial customers is twelve (12) months. For residential customers whose monthly agreed payment plus the average current bill exceeds three (3) times the average current bill, a longer repayment period shall be authorized by the utilities director, provided that the repayment period does not exceed thirty-six (36) months. This additional extended provision does not apply to commercial customers.

(4)

Duty to remain current. The customer shall remain in good standing throughout the life of the payment plan. Failure to pay the full amount billed each month, consisting of the current bill plus the agreed monthly amount to liquidate the prior debt, shall result in disconnection of services and a requirement to pay the full amount owed in the plan, as a condition of reconnection.

## Sec. 31-96. - Charges assessed against whom.

The charges levied and assessed in this division are and shall be levied and assessed against the person in whose name the water meter at such place, building, structure, business or establishment is listed and assessed.

### Sec. 31-97. - Industrial waste cost recovery charges-Payment and agreement required.

(a)

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	Persons making discharges of industrial waste shall pay a charge to cover the cost of collection and treatment.
(b)	When discharges of industrial waste are approved by the approving authority, the city or its authorized representative shall enter into an agreement or arrangement providing:
(1) (2)	Terms of acceptance by the city; and
(2)	Payment by the person making the discharge.

### Sec. 31-98. - Same-Agreements.

(a)

If the volume or character of industrial waste to be treated by the city does not cause overloading the sewage collection, treatment or disposal facilities of the city, then prior to approval, the city and the person making the discharge shall enter into an agreement which provides that the discharger pay an industrial waste charge to be determined from the schedule of charges.

(b)

If the volume or character of the waste to be treated by the city requires that wastewater collection, treatment, or other disposal facilities of the city be improved, expanded, or enlarged in order to treat the waste, then prior to approval, the city and the person making the discharge shall enter into an agreement which provides that the discharger pay in full all added costs the city may incur due to acceptance of the waste.

(c)

The agreement entered into pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section shall include but not be limited to:

(1)

Amortization of all capital outlay for collecting and treating the waste, including new capital outlay and the proportionate part of the value of the existing system used in handling and treating the waste; Operation and maintenance costs including salaries and wages, power costs, costs of chemicals and supplies, proper allowances for maintenance, depreciation, overhead, and office expense.

#### Sec. 31-99. - Same-Schedule of charges.

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The director of the water and sewer department shall write the industrial cost recovery formula for charges, which formula shall be approved by the city council. The charges to be made shall be based on the guidelines supplied for implementation of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and subject to review and approval by the Texas Water Commission.

(b)

The following formula for allocation or derivation of the industrial waste recovery charges, as recommended by the director of the water and sewer department, is approved: Ci=v<sub>o</sub> Vi+b<sub>o</sub> Bi=s<sub>o</sub> Si

Wherein the terms used are as follows:

Ci= Charge to industrial users (industrial waste cost recovery), \$/month

 $v_o =$  Unit cost of transport and treatment chargeable to volume, 1000 gal.

Vi= Volume of wastewater from industrial users, 1000 gal. \$/1000 gal. month

 $b_0$  = Unit cost of treatment chargeable to BOD, /mg/l.

B;sub\sub;= Amount of BOD from industrial users in mg/l times the quantity of flow in thousands of gallons

 $s_o =$  Unit cost of treatment (including sludge treatment), chargeable to SS in /mg/l times the quantity of flow in thousands of gallons

s;sub\sub;= Amount of SS from industrial users expressed in mg/l

(c)

Initially, "b<sub>o</sub>" and "s<sub>o</sub>" are \$0.003/milligram per liter.

#### Sec. 31-100. - Same—Adjustment of charges.

(a)

The city shall adjust industrial waste cost recovery charges at least annually to reflect changes in the characteristics of wastewater based on the results of sampling and testing.

(b)

Increases in charges shall be retroactive for two (2) billing periods and shall continue for six (6) billing periods unless subsequent tests determine that the charge should be further increased.

(c)

The city shall review at least annually the basis for determining charges and shall adjust the unit treatment cost in the formula to reflect increases or decreases in wastewater treatment costs based on the previous year's experience.

(d)

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The city shall bill the discharger by the month and shall show industrial waste charges as a separate item on the regular bill for water and sewer charges. The discharger shall pay monthly in accordance with practices existing for payment of sewer charges.

### Sec. 31-101. - Revenues; disposition.

From the money received and collected from sanitary sewer service charges and fees, the board of trustees shall first pay all cost of the operation and maintenance of the system and shall hold and conserve the balance of such funds, after payment of operation and maintenance costs, in a special fund subject to the order of the city council.

### Sec. 31-102 Fees

(3) <u>1.</u> Sewer clay <u>PVC</u> pipe. Twelve-inch—\$30.00 per lineal foot Eight-inch—\$25.00 per lineal foot Six-inch—\$20.00 per lineal foot

(4) 2. Sewers tap: Six-inch \$1,927.80 each

(5) <u>3.</u> Locate sewer tap \$250.00 each

(6) 4. Sewer clean out \$1,258.65

### (7) 5. Sewer Services

(a) Jetter – Vacuum Truck - \$250.00 Service call (3Hrs Minimum) - \$150.00 Additional Hour

(b) Vacuum Truck (5,000 Gal)- \$250.00 Service Call (3hours Minimum)- \$150.00 Additional Hour

(c) Dump Truck (12 cu. Yds) - \$200.00 Service call (3hour Minimum) \$150.00 Additional Cost

(d) CCTV Truck- \$250.00 Service call (3hour) minimum) \$150.00 Additional hour
(e) CCTV Truck- > 200 ft 6inch to 12-inch pipe inspection \$2.50 linear ft.; CCTV Truck- > 200 ft 15inch to 21-inch pipe inspection \$3.50 linear ft.; CCTV Truck- > 200 ft 24 inch pipe inspection \$4.50 linear ft.

(f) Pick Up Truck \$120.00 per day

(g) Jetter Truck - \$250.00 Service call (3 hours. Minimum) - \$150.00 Additional hour

(h) Portable Jetter Equipment- \$100.00 Service call (3 hours. Minimum)- \$150.00

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(i) Sewer taps located- \$300.00

(j) Line Locates - \$150.00 service call

(k) Septic Tanks Disposal Fee - \$40.00/1000 gallons

The rates and fees for outside the city limits shall be two (2) times those herein established for commercial rates and fees.

(b) The rates and fees for outside the city limits shall be two (2) times those hereinestablished for commercial rate and fees.

Secs. 31-102 103-31-112. - Reserved.

### Section 2. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

Section 3. Repeal law in conflict.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication.

This Ordinance shall be published according to Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of November 7, 2016, pursuant to the City Charter, Section 2.09 (B).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF September , 2016.

Ite PETE SAENZ MAYOR

ATTEST:

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HEBERTO L. REAMIREZ

ACTING CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

RAUL CASSO CITY ATTORNEY



City Council-Regular Meeting Date: 09/19/2016 Initiated By: Robert Eads, Assistant City Manager Staff Source: Riazul I. Mia, P.E., CFM

## SUBJECT

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**2016-O-143** Amending the City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 5 (Rates and Charges), Article II (Sewers and Sewage Disposal), by renaming section 31-92 (Inside City Limits) to (Rates and Charges), by removing the rate cap for residential accounts over 30,000 gallons and charging the same rate as the tier for usage of 20,001 to 30,000 gallons; modifying the commercial rate by combining the existing tiers of 10,001 to 30,000 gallons and the 30,001 to 40,000 gallons into one tier of 10,001 to 40,000 gallons and keeping the rate of the 30,001 to 40,000 gallons rate; modifying the tiers of 150,001 to 300,000 gallons and the 300,001 to 600,000 gallons to match the residential rate tier for equal consumption and keeping the annual rate increases at a 2% as previously approved by City Council up until 2037. Creating section 31-102 (Fees) and moving the fees contents from Sec. 31-92 (Rates and Charges) to section 31-102, providing for publication and an effective date.

## PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

Approval of Introductory reading of ordinance by Council on September 6, 2016.

## BACKGROUND

Residential sewer charges are based upon metered water consumption and currently the rate for 30,001 gallons and higher are \$0.00 (per 1,000 gallons). Current Oct 2015 rates for sewer from 20,001 to 30,000 are \$3.65 (per 1,000 gallons) and this change would maintain the Oct 2015 \$3.65 rate above 20,001 gallons including above 30,001 gallons.

The table for commercial water rates has one rate tier from 10,001 to 40,000, whereas the commercial sewer rate tiers have both a 10,001 - 30,000 tier and a 30,001 - 40,000 tier. This change matches the commercial sewer tier to match the water tier volumes of 10,001 - 40,000. Previous commercial sewer rates for 150,000 through 600,000 was set below residential sewer rates, this change brings these two (2) ties to equal the residential rates for use above 20,001 gallons, namely \$3.65 (per 1,000 gallons).

## **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

**Finance and Operations Committee** 

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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Approval of Final Ordinance.

	Fiscal Impact	
Fiscal Year:	2016	
Bugeted Y/N?:	NA	
Source of Funds:	NA	
Account #:	NA	
Change Order: Exceeds 2	<b>:5% Y/N:</b> NA	
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commitment from a source and in a form acceptable to CCG in its sole discretion, in which case we will entertain bids up to the amount of such written commitment or	Article III (Water), section 31-141 (Water Availability), specifically section 1. a. by decreasing the square footage
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Commercial Credit Group Inc. 2135 City Gate Lane, Suite 440	cost from \$500.00 to \$1.000.00; 2, b, by increasing the cost
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Amending the City of Laredo Ordinance #2016-O-086, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Article III (Water), section 31-141 (Water Availability), specifically section 1. b. increasing the lot size from 7,999 to 8,000 square feet; 1. c. by increasing the lot size from 8000 to 8001 and cost from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00 and 1. d. by increasing the cost from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00; modifying 2. a. by removing one-half and adding one-third acre-feet and increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00; 2. b. by increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 and 2. c. by increasing the cost from \$500.00. Modifying (b) 2. for connection charges to reflect the lot size changes for residential lots and by adding a multifamily charge of \$200.00 per unit per meter and moving the current (b) 2. to (b) 3. Providing for publication and an effective date.(As amended)

WHEREAS, the water system continues to grow at increased levels per year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo continues to buy water rights to meet demand in the future and the cost of water rights continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, funding for future water rights' purchases will require an increase in the water availability fees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

#### ARTICLE III: WATER

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**DIVISION 3: RATES AND CHARGES** 

Sec. 31-141. Water Availability

Water availability charges applicable to all platted property.

(a)

Lot charges. In addition to all other charges provided for herein and in addition to all requirements of the subdivision ordinance or other ordinances regulating the subdivision or platting of land, there shall be an additional charge for the creation of every new lot as set forth below: 1.

**Residential lots:** 

a.

For each lot that is under 6,000 square feet .....\$300.00

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For each lot that is 6,000 to <del>7,999</del> <u>8000</u> square feet .....\$500.00

For each lot that is <u>8,001</u> <del>8,000</del> to 9,999 square feet .....<del>750.00</del> <u>\$1500.00</u>

d.

For each lot that is 10,000 square feet and over .....1, 000.00 \$2,000.00

2.

Nonresidential lots (commercial lots):

a.

For each and every lot created which is less than one (1) acre, the equivalent of one-half-third acrefeet of municipal use water right, per lot.....\$500.00 \$1000.00

b.

For every lot which is greater than one (1) acre (any fractional acreage within such lot shall incur a proportionate charge), the equivalent of onehalf acre-feet of municipal use water right, per acre .....500.00 \$1500.00

c.

For every lot regardless of size created by a replat that has been previously paid under subsection 1. or 2. above, the equivalent of one-half acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot  $\dots 500.00 \ \$1500.00$ 

(b)

Connection charges. For each connection to the water system or increase in meter size, the following charges will be collected at the time of connection, as shown below, except for a fiveeighths and three-fourths meter connection to a lot of record as defined in section 24-61(b)(59)(ii) of the zoning ordinance, for which there shall be no charge. Residential lots (for which either the five-eighths by three-fourths inch or one-inch meter size applies) will pay a connection fee as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Lot Size (square feet)	Amount
5∕a x ¾	under 6,000	\$300.00
% X 3/4	6,000 <del>7,999</del> 8000	500.00
5/2 X 3/4	8001 <del>8,000</del> 9,999	750.00
% x ¾	10,000 and over	1,000.00
1	any size lot	1,000.00

2. Multifamily will be charged as \$200 per unit per meter.

<u>3.</u> 2. Nonresidential lots (commercial lots) <u>excluding multifamily</u> will have a connection fee based on the meter size: Size of meter in inches:

- 5%" x 34" .....\$500.00 1" .....1,000.00 1 1/2" .....2,000.00 2 .....4,000.00 3 .....8,000.00 4 .....16,000.00 6 .....40,000.00 8....64,000.00
- (c)

Excluded from the water availability charge are any lot or lots created prior to September 9, 1979, by a subdivision or a resubdivision of land described by metes and bounds contained in an instrument of grant or conveyance legally executed, duly acknowledged and properly recorded at the county deeds records office, and filed on September 9, 1979, or afterwards within thirty (30) days from such date, which date is the publication date of the public notice printed on page 12A of the Laredo Times at the direction of the planning and zoning commission; and upon proof thereof to the appropriate city official or officials, such lot or lots shall be excluded from the water availability charge.

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(d)

Prohibit the use of water rights to pay capital improvement contribution fees.

(e)

(f)

The city council hereby ratifies, adopts and approves the water availability charge as passed and approved by the waterworks board at its regular meeting of August 17, 1983.

Funds collected for water availability shall be allocated to a "water availability fund" in the city's annual budget and shall be used to purchase water, groundwater, or water rights and/or finance studies, <u>secondary water supply</u> and pilot programs which tend to diversify and augment the water supply. The water availability fund shall at no time be depleted more than twenty (20) percent of the opening balance per budget year.

Section 2. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

Section 3. Repeal law in conflict.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication.

This Ordinance shall be published according to Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of January 1, 2017, pursuant to the City Charter, Section 2.09 (B).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE 2014 DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

m PETE SAENZ MAYOR

ATTEST:

HEBERTO L. REAMIREZ ACTING CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

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RAUL CASSO CITY ATTORNEY



# Final Reading of Ordinances 6.

City Council-Regular Meeting Date: 10/03/2016 Initiated By: Robert Eads, Assistant City Manager Staff Source: Riazul I. Mia, P.E., CFM

# SUBJECT

**2016-O-144** Amending the City of Laredo Ordinance #2016-O-086, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Article III (Water), section 31-141 (Water Availability), specifically section 1. a. by decreasing the square footage from 6,000 to 4,500 square feet; 1. b. from minimum of 6,000 to 4,500 square feet and increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00; 1. c. by increasing the cost from \$750.00 to \$1,500.00 and 1. d. by increasing the cost from \$1,000.00; 2. a. by removing one-half and adding one-third acre-feet and increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00; 2. b. by increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 and 2. c. by increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 and 2. c. by increasing the cost from \$500.00 to \$1,500.00 per unit per meter and moving the current (b) 2. to (b) 3, providing for publication and an effective date.

# **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

Approval of Introductory Ordinance by Council on September 6, 2016.

# BACKGROUND

On February 2, 1987, the City Council approved Ordinance 87-O-25 and was never increased. The cost of water rights was \$720/ac-ft in 1996 and \$3000/ac-ft in 2015. City needs to acquire more water rights to meet the future demands and staff is recommending to increase the fees.

# COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Finance and Operations Committees

# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Approval of Final Final Ordinance.

	Fiscal Impact
Fiscal Year:	2016
Bugeted Y/N?:	NA
Source of Funds:	NA

Account #: NA Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N: NA FINANCIAL IMPACT:

# Attachments

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Jesus J. Ruiz, Ruiz Homes, noted that he is in favor of the aforementioned motion but would like to introduce an amendment. Residential lots amendments introduced by Mr. Ruiz were listed as followed: \$300.00 for each lot that is under 6,000 square feet, \$500.00 for each lot that is 6,000 to 8,000 square feet, \$1,500.00 for each lot that is 8,000 to 9,999 square feet, and \$2,000.00 for each lot that is 10,000 square feet and over. He explained that the City of Laredo has the responsibility to make housing more affordable. He stated that this amendment is necessary as there are multiple new fees associated with home acquisitions such as including but not limited to the Energy Code, implementing a \$2,500 fee in new cost for new residences

Riazul I. Mia, Utilities Director, conferred with Mr. Ruiz and concluded that he supports all amendments introduced by Mr. Ruiz.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-144, as amended.

Moved: Cm. San Miguel Second: Cm. Gonzalez For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

7. 2016-O-147 Authorizing the City Manager to accept and enter into contract with the Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), amending the FY 2015-2016 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$85,500.00, and amending the FY 2015-2016 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) listing by adding one (1) Medical Office Assistant II, R30This project will further support the City of Laredo Health Department (CLHD) to provide womens health preventive services and family planning for the term period from August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017 and can be renewed for up to two (2) years pending funding availability.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-O-147.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Narvaez For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

8. 2016-O-148 Authorizing the City Manager to accept the continuation contract with Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) and amending the FY 2015-2016 budget by appropriating additional revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$483,181.00. Funding is from Methodist Health Care Ministries through TAMIU, and will allow us to continue to provide early detection health care services for there is nothing the City can do at this point, as it is an issue that corresponds to the County. He stressed that this setting is under public hearing rather than a final reading; this is the first public hearing therefore it is difficult to determine outcomes.

Cm. Vela explained that there might be possible confusion with the annexation concept. He noted that development is City Council's primary objective.

Danny Wyers, developer, noted that the master plan illustrates several access roads with no foreseen traffic congestions at this moment. He stated that this area has the best traffic conditions in Laredo.

Cm. San Miguel and Cm. Vela inquired on a service plan for each tract and tax projections. Cm. Vela noted that he is in favor as long as this project doesn't affect District 5. Cm. Altgelt echoed Vela's request and expressed his concern affecting District 7 as a result of this project. Cm. Vela instructed staff to keep them informed as the project progresses.

Cm Rodriguez clarified that the City has no jurisdiction over such county roads.

Mayor Saenz noted that based on the information and testimonies, there is nothing preventing anyone from accessing the roadways.

Motion to close public hearing and introduce.

Moved: Cm. Balli Second: Cm. Vela For: 8 Against: 0

Abstain: 0

#### VIII. INTRODUCTORY ORDINANCES

None.

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#### IX. FINAL READING OF ORDINANCES

Motion to waive the final reading of Ordinances 2016-O-147, 2016-O-148, 2016-O-149, 2016-O-150, 2016-O-151, 2016-O-153, 2016-O-152, 2016-O-155, 2016-O-156, 2016-O-157, 2016-O-158, and 2016-O-159.

Moved: Cm. Vela Second: Cm. Narvaez For: 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

6. 2016-O-144 Amending the City of Laredo Ordinance #2016-O-086, Chapter 31 (Utilities), Division 3 (Rates and Charges), Article III (Water), section 31-141 (Water Availability), specifically section 1. a. by decreasing the square footage from 6,000 to 4,500 square feet; 1.
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#### **ORDINANCE 2017-O-071**

Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article III, (WATER), Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES) by amending section 31-138.1 (Fees and Service Charges) by adding subsection title 31-138.1.1 (Fees) and creating subsection title 31-138.1.2 (Service Charges); clarifying the reconnect fees and amending the late fee by including an exemption for all veterans; Providing for publication and an effective date (as amended).

**WHEREAS**, the water system continues to provide the necessary services to assure that the water system continues to provide the highest level of services to our customers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for clarification of the current processes in order to increase the public's awareness of the processes; and

WHEREAS, Council wishes to exempt all veterans from late fees for their service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

Sec. 31-138.1 Fees and Service Charges

The fees and service charges to perform the special water and sewer functions of the utilities department are the following:

## Sec. 31-138.1.1 FEES AND SERVICE CHARGES

Valve Operating Crew Fee...\$200.00 Meter Service fee .....\$ 10.00

Reconnect fees: (DFNP = Disconnect for nonpayment)

Reconnect fee (DFNP) during regular business hours (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and <u>Next</u> business days (M—F) on a 24-hour turnaround time frame ......<u>\$</u>35.00

Reconnect fee (DFNP) <u>Same business day and</u> after business hours <u>up to</u> <u>midnight</u> or same day .....<u>\$</u>55.00

Reconnect fee (DFNP) for Weekends and holidays ..... \$75.00

Nonsufficient fund checks fees:

N.S.F. check service charge before 5:00 p.m. .....\$25.00

N.S.F. check service charge after 5:00 p.m. .....25.00

Late fee:

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Late fee (exempting customers who are 65 years and older) .....5% or \$5.00 Whichever is greater, is charged to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month

Exemptions: 1. Customers who are 65 years and older (must provide driver's license or Texas I.D.), 2. All veterans (must provide DD214 certification and Valid I.D.)

Meter installation fee:

	Proposed
Meter Size	Cost
5/8" x 3/4"	\$93.20
3/4" x 3/4"	\$93.20
1"	\$94.53
1 1/2"	\$404.74
2"	
Compound	\$406.31
3"	\$836.29
4"	Actual Cost
6"	Actual Cost
8"	Actual Cost

## **DEPOSITS REQUIRED**

Size of meter, residential:

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1"150.00
11⁄2"150.00
2"300.00
3"600.00
4"800.00

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Size of meter, commercial:

3⁄4″ .....\$150.00

1" .....225.00

11⁄2" .....225.00

2" .....300.00

3" .....600.00

4" .....800.00

6"....1,000.00

8"....1,200.00

# COST OF METER (DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER AVAILABILITY FEES)

	*AMI New	*AMR New
Meter Size	Cost	Cost
5/8" x 3/4"	\$180.90	\$156.81
3/4" x 3/4"	\$206.20	\$182.11
1"	\$253.01	\$228.92
1 1/2"	\$572.15	\$547.93
2" Turbine	\$1,031.24	\$856.54
2" Compound	\$1,324.91	\$1,278.10
3"	\$2,400.43	\$2,349.83
4"	\$2,991.24	\$2,940.73
6"	\$4,898.28	\$4,847.68
8"	\$6,882.46	\$6,831.86

\*The installation of an AMI or AMR depends on the location of service account.

SIX-INCH WATER TAP FOR FIRE PROTECTION

6" water tap .....\$3,801.00

## Sec. 31-138.1.2 SERVICE CHARGES

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Valve Operating Crew Fee...\$200.00

Cost of wet connections:

Six" X six" .....\$1,500.00

Eight" X eight" .....\$2,000.00

Ten" X six" .....\$2,000.00

Ten" X eight" .....\$2,000.00

Ten" X ten" .....\$2,000.00

Twelve" X six" .....\$3,000.00

Twelve" X eight" .....\$3,000.00

Twelve" X ten" .....\$3,000.00

Sixteen" X six" .....\$3,000.00

Sixteen" X eight" ..... \$3,000.00

Sixteen" X ten" .....\$4,000.00

Sixteen" X twelve" .....\$4,000.00

Cost of water taps: Not including Water availability and deposit

3¼"....\$1,590.74
1" ....\$1,675.23
1½"...\$1,749.21
2" ....\$2,032.00
3" ....\$2,914.00
4" ....\$2,969.00
6" ....\$3,928.00

Cost for T-Connections and for irrigation

3⁄4"..... \$240.61

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Cost for service relocation

3⁄4"....\$240.61

1".....\$248.18

Meter-installation fee:-

Meter Size	Proposed Cost
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ <del>93.20</del>
3/4" x 3/4"	\$ <del>93.20</del>
1"	\$ <del>94.53</del>
<del>1 1/2"</del>	\$404.74
2"	
Compound	\$406.31
<u>3"</u>	\$836.29
4"	Actual Cost
<del>6"</del>	Actual Cost
<u>8"</u>	Actual-Cost

## CITY OF LAREDO WATER UTILITIES DEPARTMENT COST OF WATER LINE EXTENSIONS, MATERIAL AND LABOR

On polyvinyl chloride (P.V.C.) pipe C-900 or C-905:

2" P.V.C., per linear foot.....2.00

6" P.V.C, per linear foot .....20.00

8" P.V.C, per linear foot .....25.00

10" P.V.C, per linear foot .....27.00

12" P.V.C, per linear foot .....30.00

16" P.V.C, per linear foot .....50.00

LINE DESINFECTION OF WATER PIPES; The contractor will furnish all labor and equipment necessary to complete the proper disinfection of the line and the cost of this operation shall be included in the bid price for the installation of the distribution system.

The City of Laredo will pay for the cost of the PASSING bacteria test, any failures will be at the expense of the contractor

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#### **DEPOSITS REQUIRED**

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Size of meter, residential:-

<u>¾" .....\$100.00</u>

1"-----150.00-

11/2" ..... 150.00

2".....300.00

3" .....600.00

4"-....800.00-

Size of meter, commercial:

3/4" .....\$150.00 1".....225.00 11/2" .....225.00 2" .....300.00 3" .....600.00 4" .....800.00 6" .....1,000.00 8" ....1,200.00

## (a) Adjustments

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Rates and charges described in sections 31-138 are set by action of the city council of the city. Any changes or adjustments to those rates are prohibited unless approved by the city council, except in the event that there is a clear error in calculation or meter reading. The Utility Director or his designee may, in the case of a clear error of calculation or meter reading, allow certain adjustments of amounts billed if sufficient evidence is presented by the customer. Any adjustments will be based on the Public Utility Commission Chapter 24, subchapter E, (h).

(b) Back Billings/Under Billings

Any adjustments will be based on the Public Utility Commission Chapter 24, subchapter E, (h).

## Section 2. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

Section 3. Repeal law in conflict.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication.

This Ordinance shall be published according to Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of August 1, 2017, pursuant to the City Charter, Section 2.09 (B).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE \_\_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

PETE SAENZ MAYOR (

ATTEST:

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ACTING CITY SECRETARY

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:** 

**KRISTINA L. HA** 

ACTING CITY ATTORNEY



City Council-Regular Meeting Date: 06/05/2017 Initiated By: Robert Eads, Assistant City Manager Staff Source: Riazul I.Mia, P.E., CFM

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# **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION**

Ordinance was introduced on May 22, 2017 with amendments.

# BACKGROUND

The current ordinance exempts customers who are age 65 and older from late fees. Council expressed their wish to extend this exemption to all veterans for their service. The ordinance will be effective from August 1, 2017.

# **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

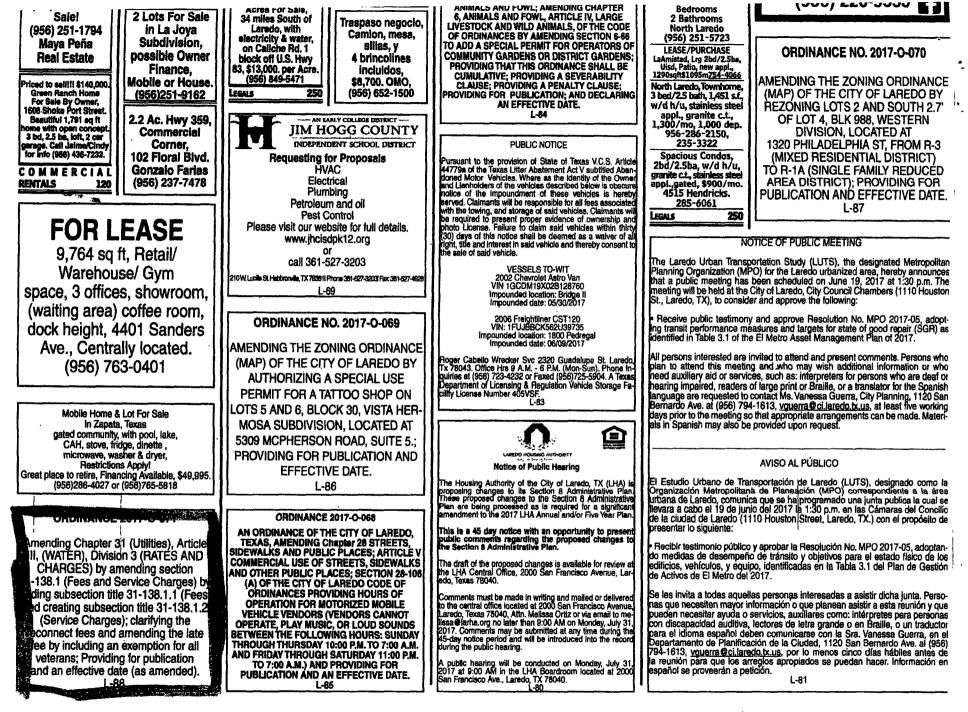
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# STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Final Ordinance be passed.

Attachments

Late Fee Exemptions



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#### ORDINANCE NO 2018-O-026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 31 (UTILITIES), ARTICLE III, (WATER), DIVISION 3 (RATES AND CHARGES) SECTION 31-138 (WATER RATES) BY ADDING A FIXED MONTHLY WATER DEMAND FEE BASED ON METER SIZES AS STATED IN TABLE 4 (FROM \$1 TO \$50 BASED ON METER SIZE); AMENDING SECTION 31-138.1.1 (FEES) BY IMPLEMENTING NEW ACCOUNT CONNECTION FEES FOR SAME BUSINESS DAY SERVICE (FROM \$35 TO \$75 BASED ON THE NEED FOR METER SETUP); AMENDING SECTION 138.1.2 (SERVICE CHARGES) BY ADDING FEES FOR INSTALLATION OF TEE-CONNECTIONS, REDUCING THE WATER TAP FEE FOR **IRRIGATION METERS, AMENDING THE COST FOR 2" WATERLINE EXTENSIONS FOR SERVICE CONNECTIONS IF NEEDED, DELETING** THE METER AND METER INSTALLATION FEE FOR 5/8" METER, AND REDUCING THE SECURITY DEPOSITS FOR NEW CUSTOMERS WHO ARE 65 YEARS OR OLDER AND VETERANS; CREATING SECTION OF 31-138.4 (REFUND SECURITY DEPOSITS); AMENDING SECTION 31-141(B) BY REDUCING THE CONNECTION FEES FOR **RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO A FLAT RATE, ADDING A WATER** CONNECTION FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL SERVICES TO THE COLONIAS, AND REDUCING THE CONNECTION FEES FOR 8" COMMERCIAL METER, AMENDING SECTION 31-141(F) BY **INCLUDING THE WATER DEMAND FEES; DELETING SECTION 31-**141.1.1 (SECURITY DEPOSITS); PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; THIS ORDINANCE SHALL PROVIDING BE **CUMULATIVE: PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE** DATE.

WHEREAS, the water system continues to provide the necessary services to assure that the water system continues to provide the highest level of services to our customers; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for acquisitions of additional water rights to meet future demands; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that a monthly fixed water demand fee needs to be implemented to secure additional water rights.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> The City of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31, Utilities, Article III, Water, Division 3, Rates and Charges, is hereby amended as follows:

#### ARTICLE III: WATER

#### **DIVISION 3: RATES AND CHARGES**

#### Sec. 31-138. Water Rates

Premises connected with water system. Charges shall be paid by all persons owning or occupying premises which are connected with the water system in accordance with the following schedule of rates; and such charges as are hereinafter described are hereby levied and assessed, as hereinafter provided:

For each defined customer class, monthly water rates and charges shall be based on metered water consumption in units of measure of 1,000 gallons (*Table 2 & Table 3*) with the exception of the minimum fee of 2,000 gallons as described *in (Table 1*) [on the following-tables] scheduled for annual adjustments beginning on October 1, 2010, and every year that follows up through October 2014. Thereafter, a two (2) percent increase on all minimum charges and volumetric rates shall be implemented for all active water meters.

Water rates also include a fixed monthly water demand fee based on meter size as described in Table 4. This fee is applicable to Irrigation, Fire Hydrant, Agriculture, Industrial and Temporary construction meters.

Meter Sized Based Minimum Monthly Water Charges for Metered Consumption from Zero (0) to Two Thousand (2,000) Gallons.

	Effective:							
	<del>[Oct</del> <del>2014]</del>	<del>[Oct 2015]</del>	<del>[Oct</del> <del>2016]</del>	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
Residential								
5∕s" & 3⁄4" Meter	<del>[\$9.25]</del>	<del>[\$9.44]</del>	<del>[\$9.63]</del>	\$9.82	\$10.02	\$10.22	\$10.42	2%
1" Meter	<del>[\$20.15]</del>	<del>[\$20.55]</del>	<del>[\$20.96]</del>	\$21.38	\$21.81	\$22.25	\$22.70	2%
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Meter	<del>[\$28.50]</del>	<del>[\$29.07]</del>	<del>[\$29.65]</del>	\$30.24	\$30.84	\$31.46	\$32.09	2%
2" Meter	[\$44.25]	<del>[\$45.14]</del>	<del>[\$46.04]</del>	\$46.96	\$47.90	\$48.86	\$49.84	2%

TABLE 1. [CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS; PROPOSED] MINIMUM CHARGES

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<sup>5</sup> /8" & <sup>3</sup> /4" Meter	<del>[\$34.85]</del>	<del>[\$35.55]</del>	<del>[\$36.26]</del>	\$36.99	\$37.73	\$38.48	\$39.25	2%
1" Meter	<del>[\$37.86]</del>	<del>[\$38.62]</del>	<del>[\$39.39]</del>	\$40.18	\$40.98	\$41.80	\$42.64	2%
1 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " Meter	<del>[\$42.11]</del>	<del>[\$42.95]</del>	<del>[\$43.81]</del>	\$44.69	\$45.58	\$46.49	\$47.42	2%
2" Meter	<del>[\$58.11]</del>	<del>[\$59.27]</del>	[ <del>\$60.46]</del>	\$61.67	\$62.90	\$64.16	\$65.44	2%
3" Meter	<del>[\$115.61]</del>	<del>[\$117.92]</del>	<del>[\$120.28]</del>	\$122.69	\$125.14	\$127.64	\$130.19	2%
4" Meter	[\$174.61]	<del>[\$178.10]</del>	[\$181.66]	\$185.29	\$189.00	\$192.78	\$196.64	2%
6" Meter	[ <del>\$314.46]</del>	<del>[\$320.75]</del>	<del>[\$327.17]</del>	\$333.71	\$340.38	\$347.19	\$354.13	2%
8" Meter	<del>[\$463.51]</del>	<del>[\$472.78]</del>	<del>[\$482.24]</del>	\$491.88	\$501.72	\$511.75	\$521.99	2%

Customer Class Based Volumetric Monthly Water Rates for Metered Consumption greater than 2,000 Gallons

[CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS PROPOSED WATER RATES: Residential] <u>TABLE 2. RESIDENTIAL WATER</u> <u>RATES</u>

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	<del>[Oct</del> <del>2014]</del>	<del>[Oct-</del> <del>2015]</del>	<del>[Oct</del> <del>2016]</del>	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	<del>[\$1.80]</del>	<del>[\$1.84]</del>	<del>[\$1.88]</del>	\$1.92	\$1.96	\$2.00	\$2.04	2%
4,001	10,000	<del>[\$1.93]</del>	<del>[\$1.97]</del>	<del>[\$2.01]</del>	\$2.05	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17	2%
10,001	20,000	<del>[\$2.00]</del>	<del>[\$2.04]</del>	[\$2.08]	\$2.12	\$2.16	\$2.20	\$2.24	2%
20,001	30,000	<del>[\$2.13]</del>	<del>[\$2.17]</del>	<del>[\$2.21]</del>	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$2.35	\$2.40	2%
30,001	40,000	<del>[\$2.25]</del>	<del>[\$2.30]</del>	<del>[\$2.35]</del>	\$2.40	\$2.45	\$2.50	\$2.55	2%
40,001	50,000	<del>[\$2.36]</del>	<del>[\$2.41]</del>	<del>[\$2.46]</del>	\$2.51	\$2.56	\$2.61	\$2.66	2%
50,001	Greater	<b>[\$4.71]</b>	<del>[\$4.80]</del>	<del>[\$4.90]</del>	\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.30	2%

# [CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS PROPOSED WATER RATES: Commercial] <u>TABLE 3. COMMERCIAL WATER</u> <u>RATES</u>

	Begin	End	<del>[Oct.</del>	<del>[Oct</del> -	<del>[Oct.</del>	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	Oct.	10/2021	
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Gallons	Gallons	<del>2014]</del>	<del>2015]</del>	<del>2016]</del>	2017	2018	2019	2020	& Forward Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	<del>[\$1.93]</del>	<del>[\$1.97]</del>	<del>[\$2.01]</del>	\$2.05	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17	2%
4,001	10,000	<del>[\$2.37]</del>	<del>[\$2.42]</del>	<del>[\$2.47]</del>	\$2.52	\$2.57	\$2.62	\$2.67	2%
10,001	40,000	<del>[\$2.99]</del>	<del>[\$3.05]</del>	<del>[\$3.11]</del>	\$3.17	\$3.23	\$3.29	\$3.36	2%
40,001	150,000	<del>[\$3.16]</del>	<del>[\$3.22]</del>	<del>[\$3.28]</del>	\$3.35	\$3.42	\$3.49	\$3.56	2%
150,001	300,000	<del>[\$3.41]</del>	<del>[\$3.48]</del>	<del>[\$3.55]</del>	\$3.62	\$3.69	\$3.76	\$3.84	2%
300,001	600,000	<del>[\$3.76]</del>	<del>[\$3.84]</del>	<del>[\$3.92]</del>	\$4.00	\$4.08	\$4.16	\$4.24	2%
600,001	1,000,000	<del>[\$4.45]</del>	[\$4.54]	[ <del>\$4.63]</del>	\$4.72	\$4.81	\$4.91	\$5.01	2%
1,000,001	Greater	<del>[\$4.56]</del>	<del>[\$4.65]</del>	<b>{\$4.74</b> ]	\$4.83	\$4.93	\$5.03	\$5.13	2%

## TABLE 4. WATER DEMAND FEES

<u>Meter size in inches</u>	Proposed fixed fees/month		
<u>5/8 and 3/4</u>	<u>\$1.00</u>		
<u>1 and 1 ½</u>	<u>\$2.00</u>		
2	<u>\$6.00</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>\$8.00</u>		
<u>4</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>		
<u>6 and 8</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>		

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Meter Service fee .....\$ 10.00

Reconnection fees for existing accounts:

[(DFNP = Disconnect for nonpayment)]-

Next business day (M-F) .....\$35.00

Same business day [and after business hours up to midnight] ...\$55.00

Weekends and holidays .....\$75.00

Connection fees for new accounts:

Next business day (M-F) .....\$0.00

Same business day residential account ..... \$35.00 or \$75.00 if a new meter setup is required.

Nonsufficient fund checks fees:

N.S.F. check service charge [before 5:00 p.m]. .....\$25.00

[N.S.F. check service charge after 5:00 p.m. .....§25.00]

Late fee:

<u>*A*[*L*]</u>*l*ate fee <u>of</u>[....] 5% or \$5.00, [W]<u>w</u>hichever is greater, is charged to the balance owed on the account at the beginning of the second business day after the bill due date of each month

Exemptions: 1. Customers who are 65 years and older (must provide driver's license or Texas I.D.), 2. [All v] V eterans (must provide DD214 certification and Valid I.D.)

Meter installation fee:

	[Proposed]
Meter Size	Cost
<del>[5/8" x</del>	
<del>3/4"]</del>	<del>[\$93.20]</del>
3/4" x 3/4"	\$93.20
1"	\$94.53
1 1/2"	\$404.74
2"	
Compound	\$406.31
3"	\$836.29
4"	Actual Cost
6"	Actual Cost
8"	Actual Cost

Size of meter, residential:

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3/4" .....\$100.00
1" .....\$150.00
11/2" ....\$150.00
2" .....\$300.00
3" .....\$600.00
4" .....\$800.00

For (1) customers who are sixty-five (65) years and older (must provide driver's license or Texas I.D.) and (2) veterans (must provide DD214 certification and valid I.D.) the deposit is \$30.00.

Size of meter, commercial:

<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" .....\$150.00 1" .....<u>\$</u>225.00

1½" ....<u>\$</u>225.00

2" .....<u>\$</u>300.00

3″ .....<u>\$</u>600.00

4" .....\$800.00

6"....<u>\$</u>1,000.00

8"....\$1,200.00

## COST OF METER (DOES NOT INCLUDE WATER AVAILABILITY FEES)

Meter Size	[*AMI- New]-Cost	[*AMR New Cost]
<del>5/8" x 3/4"</del>	[\$180.90]	[\$156.81]

	<u>\$180.90</u>	
3/4" x 3/4"	[ <del>\$206.20]</del>	<del>[\$182.11]</del>
1"	\$253.01	<del>[\$228.92]</del>
1_1/2"	\$572.15	<del>[\$547.93]</del>
2" Turbine	\$1,031.24	<del>[\$856.54]</del>
2" Compound	\$1,324.91	<del>[\$1,278.10]</del>
3"	\$2,400.43	<del>[\$2,349.83]</del>
4"	\$2,991.24	<del>[\$2,940.73]</del>
6"	\$4,898.28	<del>[\$4,847.68]</del>
8"	\$6,882.46	<del>[\$6,831.86]</del>

[\*The installation of an AMI or AMR depends on the location of service account.]

#### SIX-INCH WATER TAP FOR FIRE PROTECTION

6" water tap .....\$3,801.00

#### Sec. 31-138.1.2 SERVICE CHARGES

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Valve Operating Crew Fee...\$200.00

The Utilities Department can install a connection "Tee" to the City's water system. Any connection "Tee" fee will be based on a cost estimate prepared by a Licensed Professional Engineer Consultant (Texas) and provided by the contractor, and must be approved by the Utilities Director/City Manager if the amount is less than \$50,000.00 or by the City Council if the amount is \$50,000.00 or more.

[Cost of wet-connections:]

[Eight" X eight" .....\$2,000.00]

[Ten" X six" .....\$2,000.00]

[Ten" X eight" .....\$2,000.00]

[Ten" X-ten" .....\$2,000.00]

[Twelve" X six" .....\$3,000.00]

[Twelve" X eight" .....\$3,000.00]

[Twelve" X ten".....\$3,000.00]