

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-003

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR ELECTRIC, GAS, WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE; REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2022-003, DATED OCTOBER 26, 2022, AND ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Castroville, Texas deems it reasonable and necessary to revise electric, gas, water, and sewer service rates to provide adequate revenues to meet the operation and maintenance expenses, the retirement of debt, and other financial requirements deemed necessary by the City Council of the City of Castroville, Texas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the rates provided for in this Ordinance should take effect January 01, 2024 and continue until modified by Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CASTROVILLE, TEXAS:

Section 1. That the rates for city utility services are amended as shown on the corresponding exhibit attached hereto and incorporated for all purposes:

Gas Rates – see Exhibit A

Water Rates – see Exhibit B

Wastewater Rates – see Exhibit C

Electric Rates – see Exhibit D

Section 2. The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes and are adopted as part of the judgment and finding of the City Council.

Section 3. All Ordinances, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Ordinance shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein. Any utility rate not provided for in this Ordinance remains in effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas and the United States of America.

Section 5. If any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held to be invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance and the application of such provision to other persons and circumstances shall nevertheless be valid, and the City council hereby declares that this Ordinance would have been enacted without such invalid provision.

Section 6. It is officially found, determined, and declared that the meeting at which this Ordinance is adopted was open to the public and public notice of the time, place, and subject matter

of the public business to be considered at such meeting, including this Ordinance, was given, all as required by Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, as amended.

Section 7. This Ordinance shall be in force and effect as stated on January 01, 2024 and it is so ordained.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this 14th day of November 2023.


Darrin Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debra Howe, City Secretary

EXHIBIT A – GAS RATES

GAS		FY 2023	Adopted FY 2024
Residential Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0090	\$ 0.0106
Residential Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0113	\$ 0.0129
Commerical Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 21.00	\$ 21.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0090	\$ 0.0106
Commerical Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0113	\$ 0.0129

New West Texas Gas Rates:

Houston Ship Channel Cost = 102%

Transportation Cost Adder Increased from \$0.65 to \$1.75 per MMBTU

EXHIBIT B – WATER RATES

WATER		FY 2023	Adopted FY 2024
Residential Inside	Cust. Charge	\$ 30.00	30.00
	0-5,000 Gal.	\$ 5.35	5.35
	5,001-10,000 Gal.	\$ 5.67	5.67
	10,001-20,000 Gal.	\$ 6.20	6.51
	20,001-30,000 Gal.	\$ 6.53	7.51
	30,001-40,000 Gal.	\$ 6.95	8.69
	40,001-50,000 Gal.	\$ 7.18	10.05
	Over 50,000 Gal.	\$ 8.17	11.44
Residential Outside	Cust. Charge	\$ 35.00	35.00
	0-5,000 Gal.	\$ 6.52	6.52
	5,001-10,000 Gal.	\$ 6.94	6.94
	10,001-20,000 Gal.	\$ 7.60	7.98
	20,001-30,000 Gal.	\$ 8.01	9.21
	30,001-40,000 Gal.	\$ 8.41	10.51
	40,001-50,000 Gal.	\$ 8.82	12.35
	Over 50,000 Gal.	\$ 10.06	14.08
Commerical Inside	Cust. Charge	\$ 40.00	40.00
	0-5,000 Gal.	\$ 5.43	5.43
	5,001-10,000 Gal.	\$ 5.77	5.77
	10,001-20,000 Gal.	\$ 6.31	6.31
	20,001-30,000 Gal.	\$ 6.64	6.97
	30,001-40,000 Gal.	\$ 6.97	7.32
	40,001-50,000 Gal.	\$ 7.30	7.67
	Over 50,000 Gal.	\$ 8.31	8.73
Commerical Outside	Cust. Charge	\$ 45.00	45.00
	0-5,000 Gal.	\$ 7.39	7.39
	5,001-10,000 Gal.	\$ 7.81	7.81
	10,001-20,000 Gal.	\$ 8.49	8.49
	20,001-30,000 Gal.	\$ 8.90	9.35
	30,001-40,000 Gal.	\$ 9.31	9.78
	40,001-50,000 Gal.	\$ 9.73	10.22
	Over 50,000 Gal.	\$ 10.99	11.54

EXHIBIT C – WASTEWATER RATES

WASTEWATER		FY 2023	Adopted FY 2024
Residential Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
	Usage Charge	\$ 9.999	\$ 16.668
Residential Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00
	Usage Charge	\$ 12.441	\$ 19.110
Commerical Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Usage Charge	\$ 9.999	\$ 16.668
Commerical Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 40.00	\$ 40.00
	Usage Charge	\$ 12.441	\$ 19.110

Customer Charge is base rate charged to all customers and includes 2 units toward the usage charge.

Example: Customer's usage (based on winter averaging) is 10, then the bill calculation formula would be *Customer Charge plus Usage Charge times 8*

$$\text{\$30.00} + (\text{\$16.660} \times 8) = \text{\$163.28}$$

EXHIBIT D – ELECTRIC RATES

ELECTRIC		FY 2023	Adopted FY 2024
Residential Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1128	\$ 0.0463
Residential Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1128	\$ 0.0463
Senior Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.25
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1072	\$ 0.0406
Senior Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 14.25	\$ 14.25
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1072	\$ 0.0406
Commerical Inside	Customer Charge	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1128	\$ 0.0463
Commerical Outside	Customer Charge	\$ 35.00	\$ 35.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.1128	\$ 0.0463

*The rates adopted above represent only the customer and energy charges. The total billed amount for electric usage is the customer charge + the energy charge + the Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF). At the time of adoption, the average PCRF was \$0.0702/kWh. This PCRF results in a total rate of \$0.1165/kWh. The PCRF is subject to change based upon market conditions.