CITY OF PORT LAVACA
PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES

EXHIBIT A

CHAPTER 50 –UTILITIES

ARTICLE II. WATER

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Secs. 50-20—50-376. Reserved.

DIVISION 2. - WATER SERVICE

Sec. 50-37 Definitions

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this division, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Commercial: a customer account where water is provided to businesses, institutions, and other non-residential facilities for varied operational needs including drinking, cleaning, processing and facility maintenance.

Connection: A single-family residential unit or each commercial or industrial establishment to which drinking water is supplied by a public water system, with each apartment unit or residential dwelling served by a common meter is counted as a separate connection.

Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) Raw Water Fee: The City of Port Lavaca contracts with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) for the delivery of up to 4,480 acre-feet of raw water per year, equivalent to approximately 4.0 million gallons per day (MGD). Pursuant to the water supply contract, GBRA may furnish the contracted quantity from any available source or combinations of sources. GBRA invoices the City for the annual contracted water supply based upon a unit cost per acre-foot, which is adjusted annually on September 1. The City recovers this cost by assessing a monthly Raw Water Fee, which is distributed equally among all City of Port Lavaca water service accounts.

Multifamily: a customer account or service connection where one (1) meter serves more than one residential connection

Residential: a customer account or service connection that provides water to a single-family home or other residential dwelling for domestic water use, such as drinking, cooking, bathing, laundry. Dishwashing, toilet flushing, watering lawns and gardens and other normal household needs.

Sec. 50-49. Deposits.

(a) The city shall require a deposit for residential, multi-family, and commercial customers prior to connection and installation of a water meter. Changes to the minimum deposit shall change from time to time as such changes are accepted and approved by city council. An additional deposit may be collected for:

(1) Falsifying application information;

(2) The disconnection of water services for two consecutive billing periods or for any three billing periods out of a six-month period;

(3) Two or more insufficient check remittances in a period of six months or less; or

(4) Tampering with or bypassing the water meter.

(b) For multifamily and commercial establishments, ~~the city may require,~~ prior to the making of service connections for commercial, multifamily, or industrial use, a deposit equal to the estimated water bill for the establishment for 60 days based upon prior experience with the same or similar establishments. This deposit may be adjusted up or down after a history of consumption is established.

(c) Deposits are refundable at the time service is disconnected, and will be applied to any outstanding balance.

(d) Upon a request from a residential or commercial customer, the security deposit will be refunded if the customer has paid utility bills for 12 consecutive billings without having been delinquent on more than one occasion and if the customer is not delinquent in the payment of his current bill.

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