

ORDINANCE NO. 18-428

AN ORDINANCE BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHWOOD, TEXAS AMENDING WATER FEES AND CHARGES AS ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 18-417 TO MODIFY FEES FOR RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV) PARKS FOR WATER AND SEWER; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

Section 1: That Section 5 of Ordinance 18-417 pertaining to fees and charges is hereby amended and the following fees are hereby adopted:

WATER RATE FEES AND CHARGES

- A. The rates, fees and charges for furnishing water services by the City of Richwood for each month's service shall be set for each unit, whether a single residence user on one meter or a single commercial user on one meter at the following rate:

GALLONS OF WATER PER MONTH	MONTHLY FEE <i>Minimum monthly charge</i>
2,000	\$24.40

VARIABLE RATE: Amounts in excess of 2,000 gallons charged at the rate \$4.35 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage.

- B. In the event of service being furnished through one meter to multiple dwelling units or multiple commercial units, whether such be Mobile Home Parks, Trailer Parts, Apartment Houses, Duplexes, or otherwise, then the water billing rate shall be based upon that schedule set forth above with the minimum fee being set at 2,000 gallons times the number of user units, whether such unit to be dwelling or a commercial user or otherwise and with that number of gallons, to-wit 2,000 gallons times such unit, the monthly fee will be charged each such 2,000 gallons and all usage over 2,000 gallons per unit shall be charged at the variable rate set above. The total usage of such meter servicing multiple dwelling units or multiple commercial user shall be scheduled so that each such users shall pay not less than that scale set forth above as if each user were independently metered.

(1) EXCEPTION: Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks as defined in Section 11-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

- (a) In the event a meter servicing multiple dwelling units is located at an RV Park, the base water billing rate shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the standard monthly base rate per pad or site. Any usage above the base amount will be charged the regular variable rate.

RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL SEWER USERS

- A. The amount of fluids introduced into the City sanitary sewer system by the patron in question shall be presumed to be equal to the amount of water metered by the City of Richwood for said

patron.

- B. The rates, fees and charges for furnishing sewer services by the City of Richwood for each month's service shall be set for each unit, whether a single residence user on one meter or a single commercial user on one meter at the following rate:

GALLONS OF FLUID INTRODUCED INTO SANITARY SEWER PER MONTH	MONTHLY FEE <i>Minimum monthly charge</i>
2,000	\$22.40

VARIABLE RATE: Amounts in excess of 2,000 gallons charged at the rate \$4.35 per each additional 1,000 gallons of usage

- C. In the event of service being furnished through one meter to multiple dwelling units or multiple commercial units, whether such be Mobile Home Parks, Trailer Parts, Apartment Houses, Duplexes, or otherwise, then the water billing rate shall be based upon that schedule set forth above with the minimum fee being set at 2,000 gallons times the number of user units, whether such unit to be dwelling or a commercial user or otherwise and with that number of gallons, to-wit 2,000 gallons times such unit, the monthly fee will be charged each such 2,000 gallons and all usage over 2,000 gallons per unit shall be charged at the variable rate set above. The total usage of such meter servicing multiple dwelling units or multiple commercial user shall be scheduled so that each such users shall pay not less than that scale set forth above as if each user were independently metered.

(1) EXCEPTION: Recreational Vehicle (RV) Parks as defined in Section 11-1 of the Code of Ordinances.

- (a) In the event a meter servicing multiple dwelling units is located at an RV Park, the base water billing rate shall be $\frac{1}{2}$ of the standard monthly base rate per pad or site. Any usage above the base amount will be charged the regular variable rate.

- D. The monthly service charge for providing sanitary sewer service to special commercial and industrial customers shall be based upon the number of gallons of water used by the patron in question as metered by the City of Richwood or the number of gallons of waste water and other fluids introduced into the City sanitary sewer system by the patron in question, as estimated or metered by the City of Richwood, whichever is greater, plus, where applicable, a monthly surcharge on the basis of the industrial waste ordinance of the City of Richwood, Texas for industrial customers that have sewage strengths in excess of 250 mg/l (BOD) and 250 mg/l (TSS).

- E. In addition industrial customers, in accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency's assistance grant cost recovery requirements, will be subject to pay their proportionate share of the City's Federal Assistance Grant amount allocable to the treatment of the City's waste.

Section 2: That if any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Richwood, Texas, hereby declares that it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

Section 3: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

Section 4: That this ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Passed and Approved on first and final reading this 9th day of July, 2018.

ATTEST:

Mark Guthrie, Mayor

Giani Cantu, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Jason Cordoba, City Attorney