

ORDINANCE 2023 – 10 - 01

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2022-19; AND AMENDING CHAPTER 94 “UTILITIES”, ARTICLE I “IN GENERAL”, SECTION 94-1 “RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES FURNISHED BY THE CITY” OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CODE OF ORDINANCES; ESTABLISHING WATER & WASTEWATER RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS, TO PATRONS OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE WATER AND/OR WASTEWATER SYSTEM, PRESCRIBING RULES AND REGULATION IN CONNECT WITH SERVICE; PRESCRIBING THE MANNER AND METHOD OF BILLING FOR SAME; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HERewith; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF COMMERCE, TEXAS

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT:

Section 94-1 of the City of Commerce Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 94-1. - Rates for water and sewer services furnished by the city.

There is hereby levied and charged on each lot, parcel of land or premises in the City having a connection with the water system, or otherwise discharging wastewater, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, , either directly or indirectly into the wastewater system, charges payable as hereinafter provided and in amounts to be determined as follows:

- (A) **Water rate:** For residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional active connections with the system, rates are hereby fixed at the following rates using a monthly demand charge set according to meter size as follows, plus a charge for each 1,000 gallons of metered water.

Water Demand Charges: this charge is based on the size of the water meter used and the relative demand placed on the distribution system by that meter. The Demand Charge does not include any consumption.

5/8"	\$21.00	3"	\$321.00
1"	\$51.00	4"	\$501.00
1 ½"	\$101.00	6"	\$1,001.00
2"	\$161.00	8"	\$1,601.00
2 ½"	\$241.00	10"	\$2,301.00

Water Consumption Charges: this charge is based on the volume of water used as measured by the water meter and is billed 1,000 gallons at a time.

Customer Classification	Consumption Tiers (1,000 gals)	Consumption Rates per 1,000 gals
Residential (Single Family, Duplex, Triplex)	0 – 4	\$3.75
	5 – 15	\$6.50
	16 – 50	\$7.50
	> 50	\$8.50

Multi-Family Commercial (Quadplex, Apartments)	0 – 15	\$6.50
	16 – 50	\$7.50
	> 50	\$8.50
Commercial	0 – 15	\$6.50
	16 – 50	\$7.50
	> 50	\$8.50
Industrial	0 – 15	\$6.50
	16 – 50	\$7.50
	> 50	\$8.50
Institutional	0 – 15	\$6.50
	16 – 50	\$7.50
	> 50	\$8.50
Wholesale Water Contracts	Raw Water All Consumption	\$1.50
	Potable Water All Consumption	\$6.65

- (B) **Wastewater rate:** For residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional active connection with the system, rates are hereby fixed at the following rates using a monthly demand charge according to meter size plus gallon charges based on the water used, as registered by the users water meter.

Wastewater Demand Charges: this charge is based on the size of the water meter used and the relative demand placed on the collection system by that potential flows from that meter. The Demand Charge does not include any consumption.

5/8"	\$13.00	3"	\$208.00
1"	\$32.50	4"	\$325.00
1 ½"	\$65.00	6"	\$650.00
2"	\$104.00	8"	\$1,040.00
2 ½"	\$156.00	10"	\$1,495.00

Wastewater Consumption Charges: this charge is based on the volume of water used as measured by the water meter and is billed 1,000 gallons at a time.

For each single-family residential account, the wastewater consumption charge will be calculated based on the water consumption for the account, with a cap of 10,000 gallons of consumption:

- If the usage is below 10,000 gallons, the bill will be calculated on the usage.
- If the usage is over 10,000 gallons, the bill will be calculated on the cap amount of 10,000 gallons.

Customer Classification	Consumption Tiers (1,000 gals)	Consumption Rates per 1,000 gals
Residential (Single Family, Duplex, Triplex)	0-4	\$7.00
	5-10	\$7.50
Multi-Family Commercial (Quadplex, Apartments)	All consumption	\$7.50
Commercial	All consumption	\$7.50

Industrial	All consumption	\$7.50
Institutional	All consumption	\$7.50

Outside the City Limits:

- (A) Customers living outside city limits and businesses located outside the city limits shall be charged one and one-half (1 ½) times the rate being charged to residents within the city limits.

SECTION 2. Ordinance or parts of ordinances inconsistent with or in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall be and the same are hereby expressly repealed provided that charges assessed while the previous rates were in effect shall continue to be due and owing under those rates. Charges for water or wastewater service incurred or billed after the effective date of this ordinance shall be at the rates established in this ordinance.

SECTION 3. In any section, sub-section, word, sentence, or phrase of this ordinance is declared to be invalid, it shall not affect the validity of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. It is hereby found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance was passed was open to the public as required by Texas law, and that advance public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given.

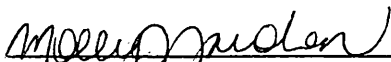
SECTION 5. This ordinance shall be effective from and after its date of final passage.

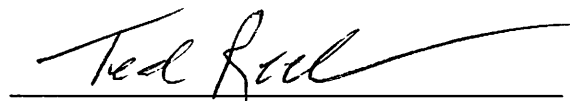
PASSED AND APPROVED on its **FIRST READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 19th day of September 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED on its **SECOND READING** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Commerce, Texas on this the 17th day of October 2023.

ATTEST:

CITY OF COMMERCE:


Molly Jacobsen, City Secretary


Teddy Reel, Mayor

(seal)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Charles Anderson, City Attorney