

## ORDINANCE NO. 2017-45

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 77-16, CODIFIED IN THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES AS SECTION 138.58 "WATER RATES PRESCRIBED" AND AMENDING SECTION 1 OF ORDINANCE 67-10, CODIFIED IN THE WESLACO CODE OF ORDINANCES AS SECTION 138.59 "SEWER RATES PRESCRIBED;" BY PROVIDING FOR A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR TREATED WATER DELIVERED THROUGH THE SYSTEM OF THE UTILITIES DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WESLACO; AND PROVIDING FOR A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES OF THE CITY OF WESLACO; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AFTER THE SECOND PUBLICATION OF THIS ORDINANCE, AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREOF.

SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS, to amend Section I of Ordinance No. 77-16, adopted on August 16, 1977, and Codified in the Weslaco Code of Ordinances as Section 138.58 and entitled "Water Rates Prescribed", to adopt a new schedule of rates to be charged for treated water delivered through the system of the water department of the City of Weslaco so that after Second and Final Reading of this Ordinance, Weslaco Code of Ordinances Section 138.58, will read as follows:

### ARTICLE II. SERVICE CHARGES

#### Sec. 138.58. Water Rates Prescribed.

There are hereby established the following schedules of rates to be charged for treated water delivered through the system of the water department of the city:

##### A. Residential Inside City Limits

- (1) Minimum monthly bill, (not including water)..... \$14.75

Minimum monthly bill, (includes 2,000 gallons of water) if applied for by a Resident over 65 years of age, Disabled, or a Veteran .....\$9.54

- (2) Charge per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.....\$2.71

##### B. Commercial Inside City Limits

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or ¾ inch meter..... | \$18.07  |
| 1 inch meter.....             | \$21.01  |
| 1 ½ inch meter.....           | \$27.14  |
| 2 inch meter.....             | \$36.24  |
| 3 inch meter.....             | \$59.11  |
| 4 inch meter.....             | \$88.94  |
| 6 inch meter.....             | \$156.42 |
| 8 inch meter.....             | \$203.04 |

- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$3.03 |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)..... | \$9.91 |
| 15,002 to 30,000 gallons.....   | \$3.38 |
| 30,000 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$3.40 |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)..... | \$9.26 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$3.40 |

*C. Multi Family Inside City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):
- |                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or ¾ inch meter..... | \$18.07  |
| 1 inch meter.....             | \$21.01  |
| 1 ½ inch meter.....           | \$27.14  |
| 2 inch meter.....             | \$36.24  |
| 3 inch meter.....             | \$59.11  |
| 4 inch meter.....             | \$88.94  |
| 6 inch meter.....             | \$156.42 |
| 8 inch meter.....             | \$203.04 |

Multi Family residents whose water rates increase because of Ordinance 2013-26 affixing the rate structure for "Multi Family Inside City Limits" may request a 2% reduction of their current minimum monthly bill as assigned by the Water Rates prescribed to be "Residential Inside City Limits" from the Weslaco City Manager.

- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
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|--|--------|
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....  | \$3.03 |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).....  | \$9.91 |
| 15,002 to 30,000 gallons.....  | \$3.38 |
| 30,000 to 35,000 gallons.....  | \$3.40 |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.) ..... | \$9.26 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....   | \$3.40 |

*D. Irrigation Meters Inside City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):
- |                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or ¾ inch meter..... | \$10.47  |
| 1 inch meter.....             | \$14.06  |
| 1 ½ inch meter.....           | \$22.35  |
| 2 inch meter.....             | \$31.46  |
| 3 inch meter.....             | \$54.33  |
| 4 inch meter.....             | \$84.16  |
| 6 inch meter.....             | \$151.64 |
| 8 inch meter.....             | \$198.26 |

- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
- |                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 0 to 10,000 gallons .....     | \$2.97 |
| 10,000 to 15,000 gallons..... | \$2.97 |
| Over 15,000 gallons.....      | \$3.07 |



- (3) Irrigation meters with no associated wastewater service will not be assessed monthly charges for wastewater service.

*E. Service Provided to Customers Residing Outside of the City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill, (not including water)..... \$23.43
- (2) Charge per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof.....\$4.07

*F. Commercial Outside City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):
- |                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or ¾ inch meter..... | \$27.11  |
| 1 inch meter.....             | \$31.52  |
| 1 ½ inch meter.....           | \$40.71  |
| 2 inch meter.....             | \$54.36  |
| 3 inch meter.....             | \$88.67  |
| 4 inch meter.....             | \$133.41 |
| 6 inch meter.....             | \$234.63 |
| 8 inch meter.....             | \$304.56 |
- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
- |  |         |
|--|---------|
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....  | \$4.55  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached)..... | \$14.87 |
| 15,002 to 30,000 gallons.....  | \$5.07  |
| 30,000 to 35,000 gallons.....  | \$5.10  |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)..... | \$13.89 |
| Over 35,001gallons.....  | \$5.10  |

*G. Multi Family Outside City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):
- |                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or ¾ inch meter..... | \$27.11  |
| 1 inch meter.....             | \$31.52  |
| 1 ½ inch meter.....           | \$40.71  |
| 2 inch meter.....             | \$54.36  |
| 3 inch meter.....             | \$88.67  |
| 4 inch meter.....             | \$133.41 |
| 6 inch meter.....             | \$234.63 |
| 8 inch meter.....             | \$304.56 |
- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
- |   |        |
|---|--------|
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$4.55 |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)...\$14.87  |        |
| 15,002 to 30,000 gallons.....   | \$5.07 |
| 30,000 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$5.10 |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).....\$13.89 |        |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$5.10 |

#### H. *Irrigation Meters Outside City Limits*

- (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):
- |                                 |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 5/8 inch or 3/4 inch meter..... | \$15.71  |
| 1 inch meter.....               | \$21.09  |
| 1 1/2 inch meter.....           | \$33.53  |
| 2 inch meter.....               | \$47.19  |
| 3 inch meter.....               | \$81.50  |
| 4 inch meter.....               | \$126.24 |
| 6 inch meter.....               | \$227.46 |
| 8 inch meter.....               | \$297.39 |
- (2) Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:
- |                               |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 0 to 10,000 gallons .....     | \$4.46 |
| 10,000 to 15,000 gallons..... | \$4.46 |
| Over 15,000 gallons.....      | \$4.61 |
- (3) Irrigation meters with no associated wastewater service will not be assessed monthly charges for wastewater service.

#### I. *Tapping Fees.*

The following charges shall be made as tapping fees for making connections for the use of any water user (deposit and permit fees are not included):

| Meter Size | Inside City | Outside City |
|------------|-------------|--------------|
| 5/8"       | \$450.00    | \$550.00     |
| 1"         | \$870.76    | \$979.60     |
| 1 1/2"     | \$1,187.35  | \$1,336.23   |
| 2"         | \$3,286.06  | \$4,929.09   |
| 3"         | \$4,612.93  | \$6,919.39   |
| 4"         | \$6,936.71  | \$10,405.06  |

For all other size taps, the tapping charge shall be based upon the current cost of the meter, required materials, and labor therefore.

In cases where the developer has installed their own water lines, tapping saddles, corp. stop, tubing and angle stop up to the ground surface, the fees for a 5/8" meter will be \$232.07 for a connection inside the city limits and \$348.10 for a connection outside the city limits.

#### J. *Fire Protection Sprinkler Fees*

There shall be no additional charge per month in addition to the other charges listed in this section, for accounts with a fire protection sprinkler system.

**SECTION II. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF WESLACO, TEXAS,** to amend Section I of Ordinance No. 67-10, adopted on June 27, 1967, and codified in the Weslaco Code of Ordinances as Section 138.59 and entitled "Sewer Rates Prescribed", so that after Second and Final Reading of this ordinance, Weslaco Code of Ordinances Section 138.59 will read as follows:

## ARTICLE II. SERVICE CHARGES

### Sec. 138.59. Wastewater Rates Prescribed.

The following rates shall be charged for use of the wastewater treatment facilities of the City of Weslaco, including storm sewer lines if used for the purpose of disposing waste or cooling water. The rates hereby established shall be applicable to all classes of customers using the city sanitary sewer system, except for industrial customers who will continue to be charged under the provisions of the industrial waste ordinance of the City of Weslaco, Ordinance No. 76-16, as amended:

#### *Sewer Service Provided to Customers Residing Outside of the City Limits*

- A. *Minimum Charge Inside City Limits:* The minimum monthly charge for all classes of customers using the City of Weslaco wastewater treatment facilities shall be fourteen dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$14.58) per month. The monthly base rate will be nine dollars and forty-four cents (\$9.44) if applied for by a resident over 65 years of age, Disabled, or a Veteran.
- B. *Additional Charges for Single-Family Residential Users Inside City Limits.* In addition to the minimum charge listed above, a charge of one dollar and seventy-seven cents (\$1.77) will be made for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or portion thereof, for monthly metered consumption up to 35,000 gallons.
- C. *Multifamily Residential and Mobile Homes Inside City Limits.* The charge for the use of the city wastewater treatment facility for duplexes or multifamily apartments or housing where the buildings are generally used solely for permanent or continuous living quarters and mobile home and/or recreational vehicle park owners on master meters shall be as follows:

Minimum monthly bill .....\$11.81

Charges per each 1,000 gallons of metered water use, or portion thereof:

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| 0 to 15,000 gallons.....   | \$2.28  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).... | \$10.61 |
| 15,001 to 35,000 gallons.....  | \$2.54  |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).... | \$10.27 |
| Over 35,000 gallons.....   | \$2.54  |

- D. *Commercial Customers Inside City Limits.* Commercial customers are those customers who discharge wastewater from a private building which is not residential in nature and conduct business activities for the sole purpose of making a profit, and receive an inflow of paying customers for services rendered or the purchase of goods. All sewer accounts required to file for a sales tax number with the state comptroller's office or an employer's federal I.D. number with the Internal Revenue Service shall be deemed as commercial accounts. The charge for commercial users shall be as follows:

Minimum monthly bill .....\$14.98



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|--|--------|
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons of metered water use, or portion thereof:                 |        |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons.....   | \$2.72 |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.) ..... | \$8.66 |
| 15,001 to 35,000 gallons.....  | \$3.03 |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).....  | \$9.03 |
| Over 35,000 gallons.....   | \$3.03 |

E. *Lawn and Landscape Irrigation.* All accounts shall be exempt from sanitary sewer charges on water metered solely for lawn and landscape irrigation.

F. *Industrial Users.* All industrial uses, such as canning plants, packing sheds, laundries, bottling works, milk plants and other industrial users, shall be charged a rate computed under Ordinance No. 76.16, as amended.

G. *Institutional, Etc., Users Inside City Limits.* All customers not classified as aforementioned, including institutional, religious and not-for-profit entities, shall be charged for the use of the wastewater treatment facility as follows:

Minimum monthly bill.....\$11.81

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|--|---------|
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons of metered water use, or portion thereof:                 |         |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons.....   | \$2.28  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.) ..... | \$10.61 |
| 15,001 to 35,000 gallons.....  | \$2.54  |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).....  | \$10.27 |
| Over 35,000 gallons.....   | \$2.54  |

H. *Commercial Laundries Inside City Limits.* Commercial customers whose principal business is the operation of a commercial laundry shall be charged for use of the city wastewater treatment facility as follows:

Minimum monthly bill.....\$14.98

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|---|--------|
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons of metered water use, or portion thereof:                |        |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons.....  | \$2.72 |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)..... | \$8.66 |
| 15,001 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$3.03 |
| 35,000 to 35,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)..... | \$9.03 |
| Over 35,000 gallons.....  | \$3.03 |

#### *Sewer Service Provided to Customers Residing Outside of the City Limits*

I. *Minimum Charge Outside City Limits:* The minimum monthly charge for all classes of customers using the City of Weslaco wastewater treatment facilities shall be Twenty three dollars and eighteen cents (\$23.18) per month.

J. *Additional Charges for Single-Family Residential Users Outside City Limits.* In addition to the minimum charge listed above, a charge of two dollars and sixty-six cents (\$2.66) will be made for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water used, or portion thereof, for monthly metered consumption up to 35,000 gallons.

K. *Multi Family Outside City Limits*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):.....                                  | \$17.72 |
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:                                    |         |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$3.42  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)... | \$15.92 |
| 15,002 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$3.81  |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level isreached.)....  | \$15.41 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$3.81  |

L. *Commercial Outside City Limits*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):.....                                  | \$22.47 |
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:                                    |         |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$4.08  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)... | \$12.99 |
| 15,002 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$4.55  |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level isreached.)....  | \$13.55 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$4.55  |

M. *Institutional Outside City Limits*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):.....                                  | \$17.72 |
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:                                    |         |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$3.42  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)... | \$15.92 |
| 15,002 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$3.81  |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).... | \$15.41 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$3.81  |

N. *Commercial Laundries Outside City Limits*

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| (1) Minimum monthly bill (not including water):.....                                  | \$19.47 |
| Charges per each 1,000 gallons or portion thereof:                                    |         |
| 0 to 15,000 gallons .....   | \$3.92  |
| 15,000 to 15,001 gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.)... | \$18.18 |
| 15,002 to 35,000 gallons.....   | \$4.37  |
| 35,000 to 35,001gallons (An addition to the base fee when this level is reached.).... | \$17.61 |
| Over 35,001 gallons.....  | \$4.37  |

**SECTION III:** All other provisions of Chapter 138, Article II, Section 138.58, and Section 138.59, and Ordinance 77-16, and Ordinance 67-10 shall remain in effect and are not being amended by this Ordinance.

**SECTION IV:** These amendments to Chapter 138, Article II, Section 138.58, and Section 138.59, shall be in effect after Second and Final Reading of this Ordinance.


**PASSED AND APPROVED** on first reading at regular meeting of the City Commission this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** on second and final reading at regular meeting of the City Commission this 7<sup>th</sup> day November, 2017.


CITY OF WESLACO

  
David Suarez, MAYOR

ATTEST:

 WCC 11/07/17  
Elizabeth M. Walker, CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Juan E. Gonzalez, CITY ATTORNEY