

CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN
STATE OF TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09-09-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2012-09-17-09 RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING NEW WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, a wastewater service rate comparison study has been requested by and presented to the Princeton City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Princeton City Council has determined that the net revenues to the wastewater system operating fund under the present rate structure will not be sufficient to produce the revenues necessary to finance current and proposed necessary improvements to the wastewater system, support outstanding and authorized bonded indebtedness, and to finance the increased cost of operating the wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Princeton has reviewed its proposed FY 2013/2014 budget and has determined that the City cannot absorb the additional increase in water purchase cost and must pass through that cost to its customers; now therefore

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

Section 1. WASTEWATER RATES.

From and after the first utility billing in October 2013, the sanitary sewer rates for each monthly period charged by the city shall be as follows:

A. MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE (Inside city limits)

The minimum monthly charges shall be based on the meter size and shall be billed at the following rates.

METER SIZE	MONTHLY MINIMUM CHARGE
3/4 inch	\$18.00
1 inch	\$21.60
1 1/2 inch	\$26.16
2 inch	\$38.40

3 inch	\$ 122.88
4 inch	\$ 156.36
6 inch	\$ 234.48
8 inch	\$ 323.40

B. RATES PER 1,000 GALLONS CONSUMED (Inside city limits)

Consumption shall be made in accordance with the following rate table:

WASTEWATER COLLECTED	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS
0 to 5,000 Gallons	\$4.60 per 1,000
5,001 to 12,000 Gallons	\$5.66 per 1,000
12,001 Gallons and above	\$5.66 per 1,000

C. RATES PER 1,000 GALLONS CONSUMED (Outside city limits)

Wastewater service rates for customers outside the city limits shall be billed at 1.5 times the rate billed to costumers within the city limits. Those customers outside the city for which formal service contracts are provided shall be billed as specified in the contract.

D. MAXIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE FOR RESIDENTIAL ACCOUNTS:

The maximum monthly wastewater charge for a residential customer shall be 12,000 gallons.

E. IRRIGATION ACCOUNTS:

Wastewater service rates for these accounts are not applicable.

F. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTS:

Wastewater service rates for these accounts shall follow the above rate tables, corresponding with their inside or outside city limits status.

Section 2. ADJUSTMENTS

If a water leak occurs on customer side of meter, an adjustment will be made based on water average and will be adjusted according to applicable wastewater fees.

Section 3. CONFLICTS

Any and all Ordinances or portions thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

If any section, article, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word in this Ordinance, or in the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance, and the City Council hereby declares it would have passed such remaining portions of the Ordinance despite such invalidity, which remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect and to this end the portions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Section 5. PENALTY

- a. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to do or perform any act prohibited by this Ordinance. It shall be unlawful for any such person, firm or corporation to fail to do any act required by this Ordinance.
- b. Any person, firm or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, in a court of jurisdiction, shall be assessed a fine in any amount not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), and shall be assessed such additional, lawful costs as may be required or allowed. Each and every day the same shall continue shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.

Section 6 NOTICE

Within 60 days after approval of this Ordinance, the City Secretary or Utility Billing Department is directed to provide written notice to each ratepayer who resides outside the corporate limits of the City of the new rates. The notice shall include, at a minimum, the effective date of the new rates, the new rates, and the location where additional information on rates can be obtained. Notice may be provided electronically if the City has access to a ratepayer's email address.

Section 7. PUBLICATION

The caption of this Ordinance shall be published one (1) time in the official newspaper for such publication of the City of Princeton.

Section 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

- A. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage by the City Council and publication as required by law.

B. It is the intention of the Princeton City Council that the rates for water service established by this Ordinance shall be in effect and charged for water used based on the October, 2013 meter reading cycle and that these new rates shall be reflected on the bills for water service normally mailed to customers on or about October 25, 2013 and on all subsequent bills for water service prepared and mailed to customers until such time as the rates set forth herein are amended or changed. All calculations for water service received for the October 2013 billing cycle, and for all subsequent billing cycles until such time as the rates set forth herein are amended or changed, shall be based on the fees or rates for water service established by this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2013.

APPROVED:



Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lesia Thornhill, City Secretary

