

CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS
COUNTY OF COLLIN
STATE OF TEXAS

ORDINANCE NO. 2014-10-27-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2013-09-09-06 RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING NEW WASTEWATER SERVICE CHARGES; REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION THEREOF ANY AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Princeton is a member of the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD); and

WHEREAS, the NTMWD is a regional water supply source and the City of Princeton receives all of its water supply and wastewater treatment services from the NTMWD; and

WHEREAS, the continued increases in operating and maintenance costs are contributing to increased costs for providing wholesale wastewater collection services to its members and customers; and

WHEREAS, the NTMWD has advised its member cities, including the City of Princeton, that the wholesale wastewater collection rate will be increased beginning December 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Princeton has reviewed its proposed FY 2014/2015 budget and has determined that the City cannot absorb the additional increase in wastewater collection rate 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 December 10, 2014, the wastewater 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 ½ 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 COLLECTED (Inside city limits)

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

WASTEWATER COLLECTED	RATE PER 1,000 GALLON
0 to 5,000 Gallons	\$4.68 per 1,000
5,001 to 12,000 Gallons	\$5.74 per 1,000
12,001 Gallons and above	\$5.74 per 1,000 (Commercial)

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

Wastewater collection service rates for customers outside the city limits shall be billed at 1.5 times the rate billed to customers 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 collection service rates for these accounts are not applicable...

F. COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL/GOVERNMENTAL ACCOUNTS:

Wastewater collection 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 that results in additional waste water charges, an adjustment may be made based

on the adjusted water usage. To receive an adjustment a customer must fill out a leak adjustment request form.

Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. 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 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 wastewater collection service established by this Ordinance shall be in effect and charged for wastewater collection service used based on the December, 2014 meter reading cycle. All calculations for wastewater service received for the December, 2014 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 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS,
THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.**

APPROVED:



Ken Bowers, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lesja Thornhill, City Secretary

