

CITY OF PRINCETON

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-08-12-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, UPDATING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 78, RELATED TO ADOPTING MONTHLY WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND RELATED FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR RESIDENTIAL, MULTI-FAMILY, COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A"; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY THAT EACH VIOLATION OF THE TERMS OF THIS ORDINANCE IS DECLARED TO BE A MISDEMEANOR AND ANY PERSON FOUND TO BE GUILTY THEREOF SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE NOT TO EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00); PROVIDING FOR NOTICE, REPEALER, SEVERABILITY, AND PUBLICATION CLAUSES; AND SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Princeton ("City") is a Type A general law Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for efficient use of existing water supplies; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure that the community develops in a manner which reflects the objectives and values of the community's citizenry, property owners and decision makers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Princeton, Texas, does find and determine that it is in the best interest of health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City, to provide an ordinance which sets rates to be charged for water and wastewater service within and outside the City limits, to residential customers, multi-family customers, commercial customers, industrial customers and wholesale customers and hereby amends Ordinance No. 2016-01-11; therefor

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

Section 1. AMENDING UTILITY RATES AND RELATED FEES

The new water and wastewater rates for the City of Princeton, Texas, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made part hereof for all purposes is, and the same hereby, adopted as the official policy of the City. The tables of rates for identical subject matter set forth in the Princeton Municipal Code, Appendix A ("Fee Schedule"), Sec. 3 (Rate schedules) is hereby amended to reflect the rates set forth within Exhibit A of this Ordinance as of the effective date set forth below.

In addition, Princeton Municipal Code, Appendix A, Sec. 1 ("Fees") is hereby amended to reflect the following related fees and charges, to replace any conflicting values set forth therein, as of the effective date set forth below:

A. Water Service New Connections

Customer service connection fee shall be fifty dollars (\$50.00). The water service deposit shall be one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00). The total of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) is due upon connection of service. Upon request for discontinuance of service and after final and full billing any remaining service deposit will be refunded.

B. Water Service Late Fee

After the 10th day of the month a past due amount of ten percent (10%) or a minimum of ten dollars (\$10.00) will accrue.

C. Water Reconnection Fee

Non-Payment of utility billing after the 20th of the month will require service to be disconnected. Service will be reconnected after the following fees have been paid.

- a. During regular business hours the fee is forty dollars (\$40.00)
- b. During non-business hours the fee is eighty dollars (\$80.00)

Section 2. AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCETON MUNICIPAL CODE

Words or phrases not expressly prescribed herein are to be defined in accordance with other applicable ordinance of the City. In the absence of such ordinances, such words or phrases shall be in accordance with their customary usage in municipal government. The Princeton Municipal Code, Chapter 78 (Utilities), Article II (Water), Division 1 (Generally) and Division 5 (Water Conservation Plan) are hereby amended as follows, with new language indicated by underlined text (example) and deleted language indicated by strikethrough text (~~example~~):

Chapter 78 - UTILITIES

[...]

ARTICLE II. – WATER

DIVISION 1.- GENERALLY

[...]

Sec. 78-32.- Water Rates and Adjustments.

The monthly rates or charges for service furnished by the city's waterworks system inside the city limits shall be the current rates approved by the city council and as established by ordinance. Rates for water service outside the city limits shall be 1 ½ times those that are currently in effect inside the city limits. It is the city's intent to be paid for water and wastewater services by each consumer according to the applicable rates established in the city's fee schedule, whether or not they are on a separate meter. Where more than one customer is connected to one or more meters, the minimum rate will be charged for each customer connected thereto.

- (a) All water shall be metered and paid for in accordance with the applicable rates established in Exhibit "A". All unmetered water connections shall constitute theft of service and shall be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$500 per day per violation.
- (b) Residential, commercial and industrial designated accounts will be charged a minimum base amount based on the water meter size plus the applicable volume rate per 1,000 gallons for all usage.

- (c) Hotel/motel designated accounts will be charged a minimum base amount per room at the ¾" water meter rate plus the applicable volume rate per 1,000 gallons for all usage over 2,000 gallons per room. The occupancy rate for this type of use shall be figured at 65%.
- (d) Public facility designated accounts will be charged the applicable volume rate per 1,000 gallons of usage.
- (e) Wholesale designated accounts will be charged the applicable volume rate per 1,000 gallons of usage and in accordance with the specific terms of each wholesale agreement.
- (f) Water adjustments are determined using data from the previous three (3) months and the following two (2) months. Leaks adjustments are only done once per year and upon request by the customer. Leak adjustments may take up to three (3) months in some cases in order to assure the proper adjustment.

(Ord. No. 242, § 1(1.02), 1-22-1985, Ord. No. _____, - -2019)

[...]

Sec. 78-45.- Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to the terms used in this division and for interpretations of the applicable fee schedule(s) set forth in Appendix A of this code. For these purposes, wastewater and sanitary sewer have the same intended meaning and are thereby interchangeable.

- (a) Commercial Customers: Generally defined as customers whose business is primary engaged in the sales of goods, commodities or services to consumers.
- (b) Industrial Customers: Generally defined as customers whose business is primarily engaged in manufacturing, processing, assembling or storing/distributing products or goods.
- (c) Inside Customers: Generally defined as customers who are connected to the water/wastewater system within the corporate limits of said City.
- (d) Multi-Family Customers: Generally defined as customers with two (2) or more dwelling units served by a single meter.
- (e) Outside Customers: Generally defined as customers who are connected to the water/wastewater system outside of the corporate limits of said City.
- (f) Pubic Facility: A facility owned, leased or under the responsibility of the City of Princeton.
- (g) Residential Customers: Generally defined as customers that are single family or separately metered duplex dwelling units, or other premises containing dwelling units for which each unit is individually metered.
- (h) Wholesale Customers: Generally defined as customers to whom the City sells water for resale or use under the terms of a specific agreement.

(Ord. No. 2019-08-12-02)

Secs. 78-456—78-74.- Reserved.

[...]

DIVISION 5.- WATER CONSERVATION PLAN

[...]

Secs. 78-123—78-1278.- Reserved.

Section 3. AMENDMENT TO THE PRINCETON MUNICIPAL CODE

Words or phrases not expressly prescribed herein are to be defined in accordance with other applicable ordinance of the City. In the absence of such ordinances, such words or phrases shall be in accordance with their customary usage in municipal government. The Princeton Municipal Code, Chapter 78 (Utilities), Article III (Sewage), Division 1 (Generally) is hereby amended as follows, with new language indicated by underlined text (example) and deleted language indicated by strikethrough text (~~example~~):

ARTICLE III. – SEWAGE

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 78-128. – Definitions.

The definitions set forth in the Princeton Municipal Code, Sec. 78-45 shall apply to the terms used in this division and for interpretations of the applicable fee schedule(s) set forth in Appendix A of this code.

(Ord. No. _____, -2019)

[...]

Sec. 78-131.- Sewer rates.

The monthly rates or charges for services furnished by the sanitary sewer system of the city inside the city limits shall be the current rates approved by the city council and as established by ordinance. Rates for sewer service outside the city limits shall be 1 ½ times those that are currently in effect inside the city limits.

(a) Wastewater usage shall be determined as detailed in this subsection and shall be paid for in accordance with the applicable rates established in Appendix A of the Princeton Municipal Code.

(b) All unauthorized sanitary sewer connections shall constitute theft of service and shall be subject to criminal penalties of up to \$500 per day per violation.

(c) Wastewater will be charged based on the applicable volume of water used, per Exhibit A ("Fee Schedule").

(Ord. No. 242, § 2(2.02), 1-22-1985, Ord. No. _____, - -2019)

Section 4. NOTICE

Within sixty (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 5. PENALTY

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this Ordinance or who shall fail to comply with any provision hereof shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be subject to a fine not exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00), each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable accordingly.

Section 6. PUBLICATION

The caption of this Ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper for such publication of the City of Princeton as required by law, and the City Secretary is directed to arrange for said publication.

Section 7. SEVERABILITY

That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this Ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional.

Section 8. CONFLICTS

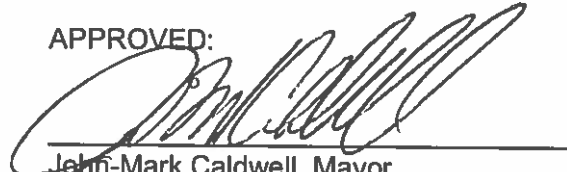
Any and all Ordinances or portions thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and superseded to the extent of such conflict.

Section 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

Following its passage by the City Council, this Ordinance shall be effective July 22 2019, such that the new rates for water and wastewater services set forth herein shall apply to services received on or after the date of July 22, 2019, or upon the completion of any publication as required by law, whichever occurs later.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PRINCETON, TEXAS, THIS 12 DAY OF August, 2019.

APPROVED:



John-Mark Caldwell, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tabatha Monk, City Secretary



CITY OF PRINCETON
WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE SCHEDULE
 EFFECTIVE September 15, 2019

1 Water Monthly Rates and Charges

W1 Water - Residential Inside

<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>		
	3/4"	\$ 25.17
	1"	35.00
	1 1/2"	70.00
	2"	90.00
<u>Volume Rate/1,000 Gal</u>		
-	4,000	6.00
4,001	10,000	7.50
10,001	30,000	9.00
30,000	Above	10.50

W2 Water - Residential Outside

<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>		
	3/4"	\$ 37.75
	1"	52.50
	1 1/2"	105.00
	2"	135.00
<u>Volume Rate/1,000 Gal</u>		
-	4,000	9.00
4,001	10,000	11.25
10,001	30,000	13.50
30,000	Above	15.75

W3 Water - Commercial Inside

<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>		
	3/4"	\$ 25.17
	1"	35.00
	1 1/2"	70.00
	2"	90.00
	3"	200.00
	4"	375.00
	6"	800.00
	8"	1,000.00
<u>Volume Rate/1,000 Gal</u>		
-	4,000	6.00
4,001	10,000	7.50
10,001	30,000	9.00
30,000	Above	10.50

W4 Water - Commercial Outside**Monthly Minimum Charge**

3/4"	\$	37.75
1"		52.50
1 1/2"		105.00
2"		135.00
3"		300.00
4"		562.50
6"		1,200.00
8"		1,500.00

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	4,000	9.00
4,001	10,000	11.25
10,001	30,000	13.50
30,000	Above	15.75

W6 Water - Sprinkler Inside**Monthly Minimum Charge**

3/4"	\$	25.17
1"		35.00
1 1/2"		70.00
2"		90.00
3"		200.00
4"		375.00
6"		800.00
8"		1,000.00

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	4,000	6.00
4,001	10,000	7.50
10,001	30,000	9.00
30,000	Above	10.50

W7 Water - Sprinkler Outside**Monthly Minimum Charge**

3/4"	\$	37.75
1"		52.50
1 1/2"		105.00
2"		135.00
3"		300.00
4"		562.50
6"		1,200.00
8"		1,500.00

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	4,000	9.00
4,001	10,000	11.25
10,001	30,000	13.50
30,000	Above	15.75

W8 Water - MultiFamily

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	\$	25.17
1"		35.00
1 1/2"		70.00
2"		90.00
3"		200.00
4"		375.00
6"		800.00
8"		1,000.00

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	4,000	6.00
4,001	10,000	7.50
10,001	30,000	9.00
30,000	Above	10.50

2 Wastewater Monthly Rates and Charges

WW1 Wastewater - Residential Inside

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	\$	11.45
1"		13.74
1 1/2"		16.64
2"		24.42
3"		78.16
4"		99.45
6"		149.14
8"		205.70

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	5.36
3,001	6,000	6.57
6,001	9,000	7.79
9,001	10,000	9.00

WW2 Wastewater - Residential Outside

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"		11.45
1"		20.61
1 1/2"		24.96
2"		36.63
3"		117.24
4"		149.18
6"		223.71
8"		308.55

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	8.04
3,001	6,000	9.86
6,001	9,000	11.69
9,001	10,000	13.50

NW3 Wastewater Commercial Inside

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	11.45
1"	13.74
1 1/2"	16.64
2"	24.42
3"	78.16
4"	99.45
6"	149.14
8"	205.70

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	5.36
3,001	6,000	6.57
6,001	9,000	7.79
9,001	Above	9.00

NW4 Wastewater Commercial Outside

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	17.18
1"	20.61
1 1/2"	24.96
2"	36.63
3"	117.24
4"	149.18
6"	223.71
8"	308.55

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	8.04
3,001	6,000	9.86
6,001	9,000	11.69
9,001	Above	13.50

NW5 Wastewater Joint Accounts

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	17.17
1"	20.61
1 1/2"	24.96
2"	36.64
3"	117.24
4"	149.18
6"	223.71
8"	308.55

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	8.04
3,001	6,000	9.86
6,001	9,000	11.68
9,001	Above	13.50

WPC - Water and Sewer Fund

Monthly Minimum Charge

3/4"	11.45
1"	13.74
1 1/2"	16.64
2"	24.42
3"	78.16
4"	99.45
6"	149.14
8"	205.70

Volume Rate/1,000 Gal

-	3,000	5.36
3,001	6,000	6.57
6,001	9,000	7.79
9,001	Above	9.00