

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-004**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF GALVESTON, 1982 AS AMENDED, CHAPTER 36, "WATER, SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL" BY AMENDING THE WATER RATES FOR 2019; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of Galveston, Texas is authorized and required to fix uniform and adequate rates for its services; and,

**WHEREAS**, an evaluation of the water rates by the City's consult, herein **Exhibit 1**, (consultant's report), establish a need to revise the water rates to sustain the provision of water and wastewater services in the City; and,

**WHEREAS**, Staff recommends revision of the water rates, as set forth herein, in order to meet the several objectives identified by the evaluation report; and,

**WHEREAS**, water bills mailed after March 1, 2019 will be based upon the new water rates. The current sanitary sewer and sewage disposal rates will remain the same, until, amended by City Council; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds the rates established herein are fair and equitable and serve a valid public purpose; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Galveston, Texas deems it in the public interest to amend Chapter 36 "Water, Sewers and Sewage Disposal", by amending the water rates.

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

**SECTION 1.** The findings and recitations set out in the preamble to this Ordinance are found to be true and correct and they are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes.

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**SECTION 2.** ~~The following schedules shall be the rate charged by the City of Galveston for all water sold by the City of Galveston for all purposes, to wit:~~

**GENERAL SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 1**

Designation:                      General Service – Non- Residential

**Applicable:** Non-Residential, including but not limited to commercial, industrial, and governmental use within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge, effective as of the billing date listed:**

<b>Effective Billing Date:</b>	<b>March / 2019</b>
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55
4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$ 1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

<b>Effective Billing Date:</b>	<b>March / 2019</b>
All Metered Use	\$ 4.29

**RESIDENTIAL – SCHEDULE NO. 2**

**Designation:** Residential

**Applicable:** For individually metered residential units, cottages, apartments, trailers or mobile home parks within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge, effective as of the billing date listed:**

<b>Effective Billing Date:</b>	<b>March / 2019</b>
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55

4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date: March / 2019	Rate
First 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 1.78
Next 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 4.45
Next 1,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 6.22
All Use Above 2,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 9.26

### IRRIGATION/SPRINKLER SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 3

**Designation:** Irrigation/Sprinkler Service

**Applicable:** For any customer with a second or dedicated meter for irrigation/sprinkler use within the territory served by the Water Distribution System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge, effective as of the billing date listed:**

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 10.78
1" Meter	\$ 24.36
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 46.99
2" Meter	\$ 74.14
3" Meter	\$ 146.55
4" Meter	\$ 228.01
6" Meter	\$ 454.29
8" Meter	\$ 725.83
10" Meter	\$ 1,042.63
12" Meter	\$1,947.76

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the water system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date: March / 2019	Rate
First 500 Cubic Feet	\$ 4.29
Next 1,000 Cubic Feet	\$ 6.44
All Use Above 1,500 Cubic Feet	\$ 9.67

**SECTION 3.** The following schedules shall be the rate charged by the City of Galveston for all sewer service provided by the City of Galveston for all purposes, to wit:

**GENERAL SERVICE – SCHEDULE NO. 1**

**Designation:** General Service – Non-Residential

**Applicable:** Non-Residential, including but not limited to commercial, industrial, and governmental use within the territory served by the Sewer Collection System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge, effective as of the billing date listed:**

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
5/8 X 3/4" Meter	\$ 13.10
1" Meter	\$ 30.30
1-1/2" Meter	\$ 58.98
2" Meter	\$ 93.39
3" Meter	\$ 185.15
4" Meter	\$ 288.38
6" Meter	\$ 575.13
8" Meter	\$ 919.23
10" Meter	\$1,320.68
12" Meter	\$2,467.68

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the sewer system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

Effective Billing Date:	March / 2019
All Metered Use	\$ 3.42

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**Applicable:** For individually metered residential units, cottages, apartments, trailers or mobile home parks within the territory served by the Sewer Collection System of the City of Galveston, as available and at the option of the City.

**Base Facility Charge, effective as of the billing date listed:**

<b>Effective Billing Date:</b>	<b>March / 2019</b>
<b>5/8 X 3/4" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 13.10</b>
<b>1" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 30.30</b>
<b>1-1/2" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 58.98</b>
<b>2" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 93.39</b>
<b>3" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 185.15</b>
<b>4" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 288.38</b>
<b>6" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 575.13</b>
<b>8" Meter</b>	<b>\$ 919.23</b>
<b>10" Meter</b>	<b>\$1,320.68</b>
<b>12" Meter</b>	<b>\$2,467.68</b>

A fixed charge designed to recover a portion of the fixed costs of the sewer system shall be applied to each meter based upon the size of the meter.

**Volume Charge:** Rates for each hundred cubic feet of metered water consumption effective as of the billing date listed:

<b>Effective Billing Date:</b>	<b>March / 2019</b>
<b>All Metered Use</b>	<b>\$ 3.42</b>

**SECTION 4.** Water bills mailed after **March 1, 2019**, will be based upon the new water rates. The current sanitary sewer and sewage disposal rates will remain the same, until, further amended by City Council.

**SECTION 5.** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance are severable and, if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Ordinance should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 6.** All Ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 7.** In accordance with the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 of Article II of the City Charter this Ordinance has been publicly available in the office of the City Secretary for not less than 72 hours prior to its adoption; that this Ordinance may be read and published by descriptive caption only.

**SECTION 8.** This Ordinance shall be and become effective from and after its adoption and publication in accordance with the provisions of the City Charter of the City of Galveston.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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DONNA M. FAIRWEATHER  
ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

I, Janelle Williams, Secretary of the City Council of the City of Galveston, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Galveston at its Regular Meeting held on January 24, 2019, as the same appears in records of this office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I subscribe my name hereto officially under the corporate seal of the City of Galveston this Jan. 28, 2019.



  
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Secretary for the City Council  
of the City of Galveston