

ORDINANCE NO. 1207-09-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HONDO, TEXAS AMENDING ARTICLE 13.02 "WATER AND SEWER RATES, CHARGES AND ACCOUNT PROCEDURES", SECTIONS 13.02.082,"WATER RATES" AND 13.02.084, "SEWER RATES" OF THE CITY OF HONDO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REPEAL APPENDIX A AND INSERT WATER AND SEWER RATES INTO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS; TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SUBSECTIONS FOR WATER AND SEWER RATES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; TO INCREASE WATER RATES FOR COMMERCIAL USERS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS; TO PROVIDE A SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT FOR RESIDENTIAL USERS; AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hondo has determined that water and sewer rates should be specified and located in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances as set forth in this Ordinance XXXX-09-19, instead of listed by reference in Appendix A and therefore, repealing Ordinances No. 1079-09-15 and 1105-09-16; and Sections A 13.036, "Water rates" and A 13.038, "Sewer rates" in Appendix A are necessary;

WHEREAS, City Council of the City of Hondo, after reviewing Utilities' FY 2018/2019 financials, has determined an increase in the minimum monthly charge for all residential and commercial users is warranted and has deemed it necessary to amend Sections 13.02.082, "Water rates" and 13.02.084, "Sewer rates" of the Code of Ordinances to reflect said increases;

WHEREAS, the City of Hondo currently provides residential and commercial users outside the City of Hondo city limits with water and sewer services and the City has determined that a clarification is needed to clearly identify the water and sewer rates for commercial users and sewer rates for residential users in and outside the city limits;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Hondo recognizes that its senior citizens live on a fixed income and has determined that eligible senior citizens will receive a ten percent (10%) discount on their water and sewer charges as set forth herein;

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

Section 1. The preceding recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part of this Ordinance for all purposes as findings of fact.

Section 2. That Section 13.02.082(a), "Water rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances shall be amended to include the following paragraph:

(1) Residential Water service refers to water service to single family homes, single family mobile homes, garden homes and townhomes.

(2) Commercial Water service includes water service to multi-family apartments, commercial, industrial users and government/public users.

(a) Small Commercial Water Service includes Commercial Water Service with a meter up to and including 3/4 inches.

(b) Large Commercial Water Service includes Commercial Water Service with a meter larger than 3/4 inches.

Section 3. That Section 13.02.082, "Water rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances shall be further amended to reflect the current rates; and the amended increase in the minimum monthly rates for all rate categories as designated below:

Water Rate Plan

		Rate Increase Effective					
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
W1 Residential In City							
Monthly Minimum Charge							
All Meters							
3/4"	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.60	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.84	\$ 32.47	\$ 33.12	
1"	30.00	35.00	40.00	45.00	50.00	55.20	
1 1/2"	30.00	45.00	60.00	75.00	90.00	110.41	
2"	30.00	60.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	176.65	
3"	30.00	100.00	170.00	240.00	310.00	353.31	
4"	30.00	140.00	250.00	360.00	470.00	552.04	
6"	30.00	280.00	530.00	780.00	1,030.00	1,104.08	
Volume Rate/1,000 Gal							
2,001	4,000	2.44	2.49	2.54	2.59	2.64	2.69
4,001	6,000	2.50	2.55	2.60	2.65	2.71	2.76
6,001	9,000	2.50	2.55	2.60	2.65	2.71	2.76
9,001	12,000	2.63	2.68	2.74	2.79	2.85	2.90
12,001	15,000	2.81	2.87	2.92	2.98	3.04	3.10
15,001	30,000	3.00	3.06	3.12	3.18	3.25	3.31
30,001	45,000	3.19	3.25	3.32	3.39	3.45	3.52
45,001	60,000	3.38	3.45	3.52	3.59	3.66	3.73
60,001	75,000	3.56	3.63	3.70	3.78	3.85	3.93
75,000	Above	3.75	3.83	3.90	3.98	4.06	4.14
W4 Residential Outside City							
Monthly Minimum Charge							
3/4"							
1"	60.00	61.20	62.42	63.67	64.95	66.24	
1 1/2"	60.00	90.00	120.00	150.00	180.00	220.82	
2"	60.00	120.00	180.00	240.00	300.00	353.31	
3"	60.00	200.00	340.00	480.00	620.00	706.61	
4"	60.00	280.00	500.00	720.00	940.00	1,104.08	
6"	60.00	560.00	1,060.00	1,560.00	2,060.00	2,208.16	
Volume Rates/1,000 Gal							
2,001	4,000	4.75	4.85	4.94	5.04	5.14	5.24
4,001	6,000	5.00	5.10	5.20	5.31	5.41	5.52
6,001	9,000	5.13	5.23	5.34	5.44	5.55	5.66
9,001	12,000	5.25	5.36	5.46	5.57	5.68	5.80
12,001	15,000	5.63	5.74	5.86	5.97	6.09	6.22
15,001	30,000	6.00	6.12	6.24	6.37	6.49	6.62
30,001	45,000	6.38	6.51	6.64	6.77	6.91	7.04
45,001	60,000	6.75	6.89	7.02	7.16	7.31	7.45
60,001	75,000	7.13	7.27	7.42	7.57	7.72	7.87
75,000	Above	7.50	7.65	7.80	7.96	8.12	8.28

Section 3. That Section 13.02.082, "Water rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances shall be further amended to reflect the current rates; and the amended increase in the minimum monthly rates for all rate categories as designated below:

		Rate Increase Effective						
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23	
W2 Commercial Small and Large								
Monthly Minimum Charge								
Small	\$ 30.00	\$ 56.10	\$ 57.22	\$ 58.37	\$ 59.53	\$ 60.72		
3/4"	30.00	56.10	57.22	58.37	59.53	60.72		
1"	30.00	60.00	70.00	80.00	90.00	101.21		
1 1/2"	30.00	85.00	115.00	145.00	175.00	202.41		
2"	30.00	105.00	155.00	205.00	255.00	323.86		
3"	30.00	180.00	305.00	430.00	555.00	647.73		
4"	30.00	255.00	455.00	655.00	855.00	1,012.07		
6"	30.00	455.00	855.00	1,255.00	1,655.00	2,024.15		
Volume Rate/1,000 Gal								
2,001	4,000	2.63	2.68	2.74	2.79	2.85	2.90	
4,001	6,000	2.69	2.74	2.80	2.85	2.91	2.97	
6,001	9,000	2.75	2.81	2.86	2.92	2.98	3.04	
9,001	12,000	2.88	2.94	3.00	3.06	3.12	3.18	
12,001	15,000	3.06	3.12	3.18	3.25	3.31	3.38	
15,001	30,000	3.25	3.32	3.38	3.45	3.52	3.59	
30,001	45,000	3.50	3.57	3.64	3.71	3.79	3.86	
45,001	60,000	3.75	3.83	3.90	3.98	4.06	4.14	
60,001	75,000	4.00	4.08	4.16	4.24	4.33	4.42	
75,000	Above	4.25	4.34	4.42	4.51	4.60	4.69	

W5 Commercial Outside City

Monthly Minimum Charge						
3/4"	60.00	112.20	114.44	116.73	119.07	121.45
1"	60.00	120.00	140.00	160.00	180.00	202.41
1 1/2"	60.00	170.00	230.00	290.00	350.00	404.83
2"	60.00	210.00	310.00	410.00	510.00	647.73
3"	60.00	360.00	610.00	880.00	1,110.00	1,295.45
4"	60.00	510.00	910.00	1,310.00	1,710.00	2,024.15
6"	60.00	910.00	1,710.00	2,510.00	3,310.00	4,048.30

		Rate Increase Effective					
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	
Volume Rates/1,000 Gal							
2,001	4,000	5.26	5.37	5.47	5.58	5.69	
4,001	6,000	5.38	5.49	5.60	5.71	5.82	
6,001	9,000	5.50	5.61	5.72	5.84	5.95	
9,001	12,000	5.76	5.88	5.99	6.11	6.23	
12,001	15,000	6.12	6.24	6.37	6.49	6.62	
15,001	30,000	6.50	6.63	6.76	6.90	7.04	
30,001	45,000	7.00	7.14	7.28	7.43	7.58	
45,001	60,000	7.50	7.65	7.80	7.96	8.12	
60,001	75,000	8.00	8.16	8.32	8.49	8.66	
75,000	Above	8.50	8.67	8.84	9.02	9.20	

Section 4. That Section 13.02.082, "Water rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances will still include a senior citizen discount reflected in a subsection 13.02.082.1 Senior Citizen Discount-Residential Water Use as follows:

- (a) The senior citizen discount shall be equal to a ten percent (10%) reduction on the customer's charge for residential water use.
- (b) To be eligible for the senior citizen discount, the account holder must be able to demonstrate, according to the standards, terms and policies of the City that they are 65 years of age or older, holder of the account and living in the residence.
- (c) The senior citizen discount does not apply to any EAA fees, water resource fund fees, water development fees or third-party pass through fees.

		Rate Increase Effective					
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	
W6 Residential Senior In City							
<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>							
3/4"		27.00	27.54	28.09	28.65	29.23	
1"		27.00	31.50	36.00	40.50	45.00	
1 1/2"		27.00	40.50	54.00	67.50	81.00	
2"		27.00	54.00	81.00	108.00	135.00	
3"		27.00	90.00	153.00	216.00	279.00	
4"		27.00	126.00	225.00	324.00	423.00	
6"		27.00	252.00	477.00	702.00	927.00	
<u>Volume Rates/1,000 Gal</u>							
2,001	4,000	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	2.20	
4,001	6,000	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	
6,001	9,000	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	
9,001	12,000	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	2.37	
12,001	15,000	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53	2.53	
15,001	30,000	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	2.70	
30,001	45,000	2.87	2.87	2.87	2.87	2.87	
45,001	60,000	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04	3.04	
60,001	75,000	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	3.20	
75,000	Above	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	3.38	

W7 Residential Senior Outside City

		Rate Increase Effective				
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22
<u>Monthly Minimum Charge</u>						
3/4"		54.00	55.08	56.18	57.31	58.45
1"		54.00	63.00	72.00	81.00	90.00
1 1/2"		54.00	81.00	108.00	135.00	162.00
2"		54.00	108.00	162.00	216.00	270.00
3"		54.00	180.00	306.00	432.00	558.00
4"		54.00	252.00	450.00	648.00	846.00
6"		54.00	504.00	954.00	1,404.00	1,854.00
						1,987.35

		Rate Increase Effective					
		Current	Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	
<u>Volume Rates/1,000 Gal</u>							
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2,001	4,000	4.28	4.37	4.45	4.54	4.63	
4,001	6,000	4.50	4.59	4.68	4.78	4.87	
6,001	9,000	4.62	4.71	4.81	4.90	5.00	
9,001	12,000	4.73	4.82	4.92	5.02	5.12	
12,001	15,000	5.07	5.17	5.27	5.38	5.49	
15,001	30,000	5.40	5.51	5.62	5.73	5.85	
30,001	45,000	5.74	5.85	5.97	6.09	6.21	
45,001	60,000	6.08	6.20	6.33	6.45	6.58	
60,001	75,000	6.42	6.55	6.68	6.81	6.95	
75,000	Above	6.75	6.89	7.02	7.16	7.31	
						7.45	

Section 5. That Section 13.02.084, "Sewer rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances shall be amended to reflect the current rates; and the amended increase in the minimum monthly rates for all rate categories as designated below:

Wastewater Rate Plan

	Current	Rate Increase Effective				
		Oct-19	Oct-20	Oct-21	Oct-22	Oct-23
Residential						
Monthly Minimum Charge						
3/4"	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.50	\$ 26.01	\$ 26.53	\$ 27.06	\$ 27.60
1"	25.00	30.00	35.00	40.00	45.00	46.00
1 1/2"	25.00	40.00	55.00	70.00	85.00	92.01
2"	25.00	55.00	85.00	115.00	145.00	147.21
3"	25.00	85.00	145.00	205.00	265.00	294.42
4"	25.00	125.00	225.00	325.00	425.00	460.03
6"	25.00	225.00	425.00	625.00	825.00	920.07
Volume Rate/1,000 Gal (Capped at 15,000 gal. per month)						
2,001 Above	1.70	1.73	1.77	1.80	1.84	1.88
Commercial						
Monthly Minimum Charge						
3/4"	25.00	25.50	26.01	26.53	27.06	27.60
1"	25.00	30.00	35.00	40.00	45.00	46.00
1 1/2"	25.00	40.00	55.00	70.00	85.00	92.01
2"	25.00	55.00	85.00	115.00	145.00	147.21
3"	25.00	85.00	145.00	205.00	265.00	294.42
4"	25.00	125.00	225.00	325.00	425.00	460.03
6"	25.00	225.00	425.00	625.00	825.00	920.07
Volume Rate/1,000 Gal						
2,001 Above	1.70	1.73	1.77	1.80	1.84	1.88

Wastewater produced is based on actual potable water metered each month.

Section 6. That Section 13.02.084, "Sewer rates" in the City of Hondo Code of Ordinances will still include a senior citizen discount reflected in subsection 13.02.084.1 Senior Citizen Discount-Residential Wastewater Use as follows:

- (a) The senior citizen discount shall be equal to a ten percent (10%) reduction on the customer's residential sewer/wastewater fee.
- (b) To be eligible for the senior citizen discount the account holder must be able to demonstrate, according to the standards, terms and policies of the City, that they are 65 years of age or older holder of the account and living in the residence.
- (c) The senior citizen discount does not apply to any third-party pass through fees.

Section 7. The amended monthly minimum water and sewer rate increase shall be applied to the November 2016 billing cycle for the billing period beginning October 8, 2019.

Section 8. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

Section 9. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subsection, clause, phrase, word, or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by final judgment of a Court of competent jurisdiction it shall not affect any other section, paragraph, subsection, clause, phrase, work or provision of this Ordinance, for it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subsection, clause, phrase, work, or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

Section 10. All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict and specifically Appendix A in Ordinance No. 1079-09-15 and Ordinance 1105-09-16 are hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Hondo this 9th day of September, 2019.



JAMES W. DANNER, SR., MAYOR

ATTEST:


Miguel Cantu, City Secretary



