

ORDINANCE NO. 2003- 13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 24 OF THE VICTORIA CITY CODE TO CHANGE WATER AND SEWER FEES THEREIN; REPEALING PARTS OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The City Council finds that the fees and rates prescribed in this ordinance are in amounts that are reasonably necessary to cover the costs of providing the services specified herein.

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

1.

Chapter 24 "Fees," of the Victoria City Code is amended to amend the Section 24-121 to read as follows:

Sec. 24-121. Water Service Charges

(a) Water Service Base Charge. The monthly water service base charge, based upon meter size and with allowed gallonage, is established as follows:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base Charge</u>	<u>Gallonage Allowance Included in Base Charge</u>
¾"	\$14.43	2,000
1"	\$36.08	2,000
1 ½"	\$72.15	2,000
2"	\$115.44	2,000
3"	\$230.88	2,000
4"	\$360.75	2,000
6"	\$721.50	2,000
8"	\$2,308.80	2,000
10"	\$3,607.50	2,000

(b) Water Service Consumption Charge. The monthly water service consumption charge shall be based on the amount of water consumed as registered on each user's water meter. The monthly consumption charge shall be assessed and billed to each water service user, in addition to the base charge, according to the following schedule, in 1,000 gallon increments, subject to the gallonage allowance included in the base rate:

First 2,000 gallons usage	included in base charge
3,000 THRU 7,000 gallons usage	\$1.52 per 1,000 gallons
8,000 THRU 18,000 gallons usage	\$1.68 per 1,000 gallons
19,000 THRU 50,000 gallons usage	\$2.00 per 1,000 gallons
Over 50,000 gallons usage	\$2.05 per 1,000 gallons

(c) The aforementioned rates for water service charges shall be multiplied by 1.5 for patrons receiving water outside the territorial limits of the City of Victoria.

2.

Chapter 24 "Fees," of the Victoria City Code is amended to amend the Section 24-122 to read as follows:

Sec. 24-122. Sewer service charges

(a) Sewer service base charge. The monthly sewer service base charge, based upon water meter size and with allowed gallonage, is established as follows:

Meter Size (inches)	Monthly Base Charge	Gallonage Allowance Included in Base Charge
3/4	\$18.48	2,000
1	\$46.20	2,000
1½	\$92.40	2,000
2	\$147.84	2,000
3	\$295.68	2,000
4	\$462.00	2,000
6	\$924.00	2,000
8	\$2,956.80	2,000
10	\$4,620.00	2,000

(b) Sewer service consumption charge. A monthly sewer service consumption charge shall be assessed and billed to each sewer system user in addition to the base charge. The consumption charge shall be computed by averaging the metered monthly water consumption during the computation period. The computation period shall consist of the last complete three-month period of December, January, and February that preceded the billing date. The sum of 2,000 gallons shall be deducted from the average monthly consumption in order to compute the adjusted average. The adjusted average shall be multiplied by 90% to compute the net billing average. The net billing average charge shall be computed and billed to each customer, in addition to the base charge, according to the following schedule, in 1,000 gallon increments, subject to the gallonage included in the base rate.

First 2,000 gallons usage	included in base charge
3,000 THRU 7,000 gallons usage	\$2.07 per 1,000 gallons
8,000 THRU 18,000 gallons usage	\$2.12 per 1,000 gallons
19,000 THRU 50,000 gallons usage	\$2.17 per 1,000 gallons
51,000 THRU 75,000 gallons usage	\$2.22 per 1,000 gallons
76,000 THRU 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.37 per 1,000 gallons
Over 100,000 gallons usage	\$2.52 per 1,000 gallons

(c) The aforementioned rates for sewer service charges shall be multiplied by 1.5 for patrons receiving water outside the territorial limits of the city.

3.

All parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

4.

If any provision of this ordinance, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances, shall be held invalid or unconstitutional by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such validity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

5.

The Code of the City of Victoria, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

6.

It is the intention of the City Council that this ordinance shall become a part of the Code of the City of Victoria, Texas and it may be renumbered and codified therein accordingly.

7.

The provisions of this ordinance shall become effective on **October 1, 2003**.

PASSED FIRST READING, this the 3rd day of June, 2003.

AYES: 4

NAYS: 1

ABSTENTIONS: 1

Failed SECOND READING, this the 17th day of June, 2003.

AYES: 3

NAYS: 3

ABSTENTIONS: 0

PASSED THIRD READING, this the ____ day of _____, 2003.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

APPROVED AND ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____, 2003.

GARY MIDDLETON, Mayor of the
City of Victoria, Texas

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

DAVID ATMAR SMITH, City Attorney

ATTEST:

SCARLET SWOBODA, City Secretary

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