

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-8-15-4

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON MUNICIPAL WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SYSTEM, DESIGNATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH

WHEREAS, the Village of Vinton, as part of its ongoing municipal water and wastewater project, adopted Ordinance No. 2017-4-18-3 making it mandatory for all water users within the Village of Vinton to connect to the municipality's water and sewer and lines as the same are constructed and provided that a water and sewer user fee schedule would be adopted by a separate action of Council.

WHEREAS, Texas Government Code Section 1502.057 requires a municipality to "impose and collect charges for services provided by a utility system in amounts at least sufficient to pay: (1) all operating, maintenance, depreciation, replacement, improvement, and interest charges in connection with the utility system; (2) for an interest and sinking fund sufficient to pay any public securities issued or obligations incurred for any purpose described by Section 1502.002 relating to the utility system; and (3) any outstanding debt against the system."

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-5-6-1, Amendment 1, establishing a rate and fee schedule for municipal water and sewer utility system customers based on its analysis of the factors identified in Section 1502.057, and also providing for increased rates for increased consumption to encourage conservation as required by its contract EP Water which is Vinton's wholesale water and sewer services provider, subject to future review and updating.

WHEREAS, the Village Council adopted Ordinance No. 2021-9-7-2 establishing a rate and fee schedule for municipal water and sewer utility system customers based on its analysis of the factors identified in Section 1502.057, subject to future review and updating.

WHEREAS, this ordinance is intended to repeal Ordinance No. 2021-5-6-1, Amendment 1, and Ordinance No. 2021-9-7-2 which are being replaced by this Ordinance in order to reflect increased wholesale water and sewer charges by EP Water and an increase in EP Water's administrative fees.

WHEREAS, the Village Council intends that the cost to the Village of providing water and sewer utility services is to be borne proportionately by all persons receiving the services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF VINTON, TEXAS as follows:

1. The rate and fee schedule for customers using the Village of Vinton's municipal water and sewer utility system attached as **Exhibit A** be, and the same is hereby, adopted by the Village of Vinton, Texas.

2. The rate and fee schedule adopted by this ordinance is subject to future adjustment in the discretion of the Village Council as it deems reasonably necessary to comply with all funding requirements of the municipal water and sewer utility system and to comply with its contractual obligations. Such adjustments may be made by Council resolution.
3. The rate and fee schedule does not include any additional fees which may be charged by EP Water.
4. This ordinance shall take effect commencing with October, 2023 billing statements.
5. This ordinance hereby repeals upon its effective date any prior ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF
VINTON, TEXAS on this 15th day of August, 2023.




RACHEL QUINTANA, Mayor

Attest:



ANDREA CARRILLO,
Village Administrator

Approved as to Form:



SHANE A. ENGLISH, Village Attorney

Exhibit A Rate and Fee Schedule *

Revised Monthly Water Usage Rates and Fees

A monthly charge consisting of a minimum charge and a commodity charge for water used shall be collected from users of every water service connected to the water system of the Vinton City Water Utilities (“Utility”). The minimum charge will include a volume allowance of four hundred cubic feet (4 CCF) for residential customers only. The following charges shall apply:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charge (up to 4 CCFs)
¾”	\$19.36
1”	\$29.39
1 ½”	\$33.26
2”	\$47.98
3”	\$60.90
4”	\$90.91
6”	\$137.82
8”	\$236.08
10”	\$453.96

Additional Usage Over 4 CCFs (Average Winter Consumption [AWC])

Block 1 (Over 4 CCFs – 150% of AWC)	\$5.75 per CCF
Block 2 (150 – 250 % of AWC)	\$6.64 per CCF
Block 3 (Over 250% of AWC)	\$9.08 per CCF

Very Large Water User*

“Very Large Water User” is defined as any person who uses an average of 100,000 gallons or more per day. Monthly metered water consumption for any Very Large Water User shall be charged in accordance with the following:

Block 1 (0 to 5,000 CCF)	\$4.89 per CCF
Block 2 (5,001 to 15,000 CCF)	\$5.38 per CCF
Block 3 (15,001 CCF to 30,000 CCF)	\$6.20 per CCF
Block 4 (over 30,001 CCF)	\$6.82 per CCF

The Monthly Minimum Charge based on meter size shall also apply to all Very Large Water Users. There will be no minimum volume allowance included in the Monthly Minimum Charge; all metered use will be charged at the rates listed above.

Additional Monthly Charges*

Unites States Department of Agriculture Repayment	\$19.60
El Paso Water Utilities Administrative Fee	\$4.65
Asset Replacement	\$6.00
Total Additional Monthly Payment	\$30.25

Construction Meter Rates*

For all construction meter accounts, a uniform rate equal to the rate established in “Additional Usage Over 4 CCFs (Average Winter Consumption [AWC]/Residential) Water” for Block 2 category is established.

Local Government Landscape and Irrigation*

A uniform rate of \$4.44 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) is hereby established for the Local Government Landscape and Irrigation Accounts. Local Government Landscape and Irrigation Accounts shall be established for customers who will use water for irrigation and landscaping only. The Utility has the authority to consider an account as a Local Government Landscape and Irrigation Account.

The following entities will be considered to be a Local Government: any county, municipality, village, town, a common or independent school district, hospital district, or political subdivision

of the State of Texas; however, any department, board, or agency of the State of Texas shall be excluded from this definition.

Non-Government Landscape and Irrigation Rate*

A uniform rate of \$7.25 per hundred cubic feet (CCF) is hereby established for all Non-Government Landscape and Irrigation Accounts.

Non-Government Landscape and Irrigation Accounts shall be established for customers who will use water for landscaping and turf irrigation only. The Utility has the authority to consider an account as a Non-Government Landscape and Irrigation Account. The Non-Government Landscape and Irrigation rate does not include non-irrigation usage. Non-irrigation usage includes but is not limited to the use of water for swimming pools, fountains, and for human and animal consumption.

Monthly Sewer Usage Rates and Fees

A sewer service charge shall be collected from each user connected to the sewer system of the Village of Vinton ("Utility"). The sewer service charge shall consist of a minimum monthly charge plus a commodity charge based on the water usage as measured by the water meter serving the property or as otherwise provided herein. For residential customers only, a volume of 4 allowance hundred cubic feet (4 CCF) will be included in the minimum charge. The following charges will be assessed:

Meter Size	Minimum Monthly Charge (up to 4 CCFs)
3/4"	\$21.57
1"	\$63.74
1 1/2"	\$135.65
2"	\$170.69
3"	\$377.27
4"	\$581.08
6"	\$900.02
8"	\$1,568.29
10"	\$3,027.60

Commodity Charge

All customers must pay a commodity charge of \$4.09 per CCF for sewer service. The commodity charge shall be calculated at 90% of actual water *AWC for all CCF in excess of the volume allowance included in the minimum charge. The minimum and commodity charge will be set through the next February billing cycle. Until the customer establishes an AWC base, new customers' commodity charges will be calculated using the class average AWC by meter size for their respective class.

Standby Fire Protection Rates

Size of Service	Minimum Monthly Charge (up to 1 CCF)
1 1/2"	\$12.11
2"	\$16.91
2 1/2"	\$18.42
3"	\$24.01
4"	\$31.18
6"	\$43.26
8"	\$72.09
10"	\$120.12

Additional Usage **\$9.08**

Deposits

Single Family Residence	\$75.00
Duplex Residence	\$150.00
Triplex Residence	\$225.00
Commercial Establishment	\$150.00
Industrial	\$500.00

***Subject to additional fees by El Paso Water Utilities**

