

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS, ADJUSTING UTILITY RATES FOR DEDICATED LANDSCAPE IRRIGATION METERS AND MULTI-UNIT CONSUMERS

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Uvalde, Texas (the "City"), finds and determines that it is appropriate, advisable, and in the best interests of the citizens of the City

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Uvalde, Texas finds that it is necessary to clarify the application of the rate schedule to customers with more than one dwelling or business unit; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Uvalde, Texas finds that it is necessary to modify the rate schedules applied to irrigation only meters;

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Uvalde, Texas finds it is for the welfare of the City as a whole and the utility systems to make adjustments to the City's utility regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UVALDE CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF UVALDE CODE OF ORDINANCES IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

13.16.020 - Water rates.

A. Uniform Monthly Rates: The following uniform monthly rates shall be charged and collected monthly from each consumer located and receiving water service within the city limits:

1. Minimum Bill. The minimum monthly bill, which includes up to 2,000 gallons of water and is determined by the size of the meter supplying such consumer, is established according to the following schedule:

Size of Meter(Inches)	Residential	Commercial
¾	\$11.52	\$16.84
1	\$15.14	\$21.70
1½	\$28.04	\$40.15
2	\$41.05	\$58.68
3	\$57.82	\$82.76
4	\$75.63	\$108.02
6	\$114.59	\$163.71

2. Volume Charge. The consumption charge per 1,000 gallons of water, or fraction thereof, over 2,000 gallons per month, shall be as follows:

- a. The rate per 1,000 gallons over the first 2,000 gallons, up to 20,000 gallons in any one month, is \$1.29 per 1,000 gallons for both residential and commercial customers.
- b. The rate per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof over 20,000 gallons and up to 50,000 gallons in any one month is, \$1.56/1,000 gallons for residential customers and \$1.62/1,000 gallons for commercial customers.
- c. The rate per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof over 50,000 gallons in any one month is \$2.15/1,000 gallons for both residential and commercial customers.

3. Irrigation Meters: The monthly charges for a 2nd meter at a location that serves only for landscape irrigation shall be at the rate shown in A.2.(c), above (\$2.15/1,000 gallons per month) for all consumption. No minimum monthly charges will apply to a 2nd meter that serves only for landscape irrigation as long as the location also has a primary meter serving for either domestic or commercial use at the same physical location.

4. Multi-Unit Residential: The monthly charges for multi-unit residential consumers shall be the residential charges shown in A.1 and 2, above, multiplied by the number of units served by the particular meter based on the appropriate meter size. This section applies to apartments, townhomes, duplexes, triplexes, quadplexes and other multi-unit residential consumers.

5. Multi-Unit Commercial: The monthly charges for multi-unit commercial consumers shall be the commercial charges shown in A.1 and 2, above, multiplied by the number of units served by the particular meter based on the appropriate meter size. This section applies to office complexes or business buildings that are not used for dwelling purposes.

B. Water Rights Fee: In addition to the above rates, a monthly fee will be charged to each account based on the following water consumption:

Monthly Gallons	Monthly Fee
0 to 2,000	\$3.75
2,001 to 20,000	\$6.01
20,001 to 50,000	\$8.11
50,001 and over	\$10.29

The water rights monthly fee will be applied to multi-unit residential and commercial consumers by applying the number of dwelling or business units to the tiered consumption

levels to determine the monthly fee. The appropriate monthly fee will then be multiplied by the total dwelling or business units to determine the total amount due.

The funds collected from the monthly fee will be designated specifically for the purchase of Edwards Aquifer Water Rights and the funds will be kept in a separate fund for the purchase of Edward Aquifer Water Rights.

C. City Rate: The rate for the city shall be the appropriate monthly minimum for the size meter being used plus \$0.35 per 1,000 gallons of water used or fraction thereof over 4,000 gallons in any one month.

D. Connection/Disconnection and Reconnection Fee.

1. Residential consumers shall pay \$25.00 per service trip to connect or disconnect from the water system.
2. Commercial consumers shall pay \$25.00 per service trip to connect or disconnect from the water system.
3. Residential and commercial consumers shall pay \$30.00 per service trip to reconnect services after being disconnected for non-payment of bill.

E. Rates for Outside City Limits: The rate for water used by residential, commercial, and multi-unit consumers outside the corporate limits of the city shall be two times the rate within the corporate limits.

F. Rates for Multiple Residences: Where more than one residence is served by a single meter, the minimum monthly charge for the appropriate size meter shall be made for each residence served. Allowances for vacancies are not allowed.


G . Rates for Multiple Meters: Each consumer having two or more meters at a single location, the minimum monthly bill for such consumer shall be the sum of the minimum for each size meter.

H. Deposits: An applicant for city water service shall deposit with the city the sum of \$100.00 as security for the payment of charges for residential, and \$200.00 for commercial. Every individual account is required to have a deposit. For commercial applicants whose water consumption is expected to be higher than average (such as restaurants, etc.) the deposit will be a minimum of \$300.00. Commercial applicants who will have multiple users (apartments, motel, etc.) will be charged a deposit. Customers that timely pay all charges for water service for a period of 24 months shall be entitled to a refund of their security deposit at the expiration of such period. If a consumer who has deposited security with the city requests termination of service, the charges due, if any, from the date of last billing to the date of termination shall be deducted from the security, and the balance refunded to the consumer.)

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH 2013.

CITY OF UVALDE TEXAS

Attest:



J. Allen Carnes, Mayor



Larissa Rodriguez, City Secretary