

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13.16 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES PERTAINING TO UTILITY SERVICE RATES, WATER RIGHTS FEE

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Uvalde establishes fees for the operation and maintenance of city owned utilities; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 13.16.02, paragraph B., of the code of ordinances specifically provides for a water rights fee paid by the customers of the city's water utility to be set aside in a designated water rights fund to finance the purchase of water rights and related infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of the complex regulatory arrangement that governs the use of the Edwards Aquifer, the water rights fund should also be used when needed for legal and related expenses to oppose or promote laws and regulations beneficial to the protection of the water supply for Uvalde and Uvalde County, as deemed appropriate by the city council; and

WHEREAS, the city council finds that it is in the public interest to amend Chapter 13.16 of the code of ordinances as described in the findings above;

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

SECTION 1. Findings. That the foregoing recitals are hereby found to be true and correct and are hereby adopted by the City Council and made a part hereof for all purposes as findings of fact;

SECTION 2. That existing Chapter 13.16.02 B. be repealed in its entirety;

SECTION 3. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Uvalde, Texas be amended to read as follows:

Chapter 13.16.02

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 monies collected from the monthly water rights fee shall be placed in a separate fund designated specifically for the following purposes: of acquiring water rights or other water supply, or to fund funding infrastructure related to such water rights or water supply., or for legal and related expenses needed to oppose or promote laws and regulations to protect such water rights or supply.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective from and after its date of passage in accordance with law.

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the 13th day of February, 2018.

CITY OF UVALDE, TEXAS

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Don McLaughlin, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sorayda Sanchez, City Secretary