

Ordinance amending Section 55-100 of the Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances to revise the definition and calculation method for the Interim Residential Average Usage for residential wastewater charges.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. Corpus Christi Code of Ordinances, Chapter 55 "UTILITIES," Article VII "Wastewater Rates," Section 55-100 "Schedule," subsection (b) is amended by adding the following language that is underlined (added) and deleting the language that is stricken (deleted) as delineated below:

Sec. 55-100 Schedule

(b) By May 1, 2020, the amount of water used to compute the monthly bills for wastewater service to one-family residential customers shall be computed on the basis of the "winter quarter average usage" that is calculated pursuant to this subsection and every year thereafter.

(1) *Definitions.*

a. *Winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period:* The period of water and wastewater service during the three (3) preceding winter quarter months of December, January and February. The initial winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period occurs during the months December 2019 through March 2020.

b. *Winter quarter average usage:* The monthly wastewater usage established by the city during the "winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period" based upon the customer's thirty-day average water consumption during that period.

c. *Interim residential average usage:* The monthly wastewater usage established by the city for individual customers who have not established a "winter quarter average usage". The "interim average" is calculated annually based on the average "winter quarter average usage" for all residential customers during the "winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period" as determined each year ~~three thousand (3,000) gallons per month~~, and is the basis for monthly wastewater charges until a "winter quarter average usage" as defined in subsection (b)(1)b. of this section is established for the individual customer.

d. *Service area:* The geographic region served by the city's wastewater system.

(2) *Winter quarter average criteria.*

a. The customer must receive wastewater service at one (1) location during the entire winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period in order to establish a "winter average usage".

b. "Winter quarter average usage" charges shall apply to one-family residential customers only.

c. The following method will be used to calculate the customer's "winter quarter average usage":

1. Add the customer's water consumption during the winter quarter averaging wastewater charge period to determine total winter quarter consumption.

2. Divide total winter quarter consumption amount by the number of days between the reading in December and the latest reading in March to determine the average daily usage. In the event a reading in December does not exist, the most recent prior reading will be utilized.

3. Multiply the average daily usage by thirty (30) to determine winter quarter average usage. Such winter quarter average usage shall be limited to a maximum of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons.

SECTION 2. If for any reason any section, paragraph, subdivision, 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, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision of this ordinance. For it is the definite intent of this City Council that every section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, word or provision hereof be given full force and effect for its purpose.

SECTION 3. This ordinance takes effect upon passage.

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the first time and passed to its second reading on this the _____ day of _____, 2022, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____

John Martinez _____

Roland Barrera _____

Ben Molina _____

Gil Hernandez _____

Mike Pusley _____

Michael Hunter _____

Greg Smith _____

Billy Lerma _____

That the foregoing ordinance was read for the second time and passed finally on this the _____ day of _____ 2022, by the following vote:

Paulette M. Guajardo _____

John Martinez _____

Roland Barrera _____

Ben Molina _____

Gil Hernandez _____

Mike Pusley _____

Michael Hunter _____

Greg Smith _____

Billy Lerma _____

PASSED AND APPROVED on this the _____ day of _____, 2022.

ATTEST:

Rebecca Huerta
City Secretary

Paulette M. Guajardo
Mayor