

ORDINANCE NO. 204

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CERTAIN USER FEE CHARGES SPECIFICALLY IMPOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING INCREASED SANITATION TIPPING FEES, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach incurs certain expenses derived from City refuse disposal in the form of tipping fees and

WHEREAS, the County of Bay, State of Florida, by virtue of passing an ordinance doubling the current monetary rate charged for tipping fee services, has caused the City of Mexico Beach to require additional funds for said services, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA:

Section 1: That a user fee is hereby established for the explicit purpose of funding increased refuse tipping fees imposed by the County of Bay and levying such increases to each individual household or commercial enterprise who maintains on City record an active water account with the City of Mexico Beach. User fee categories and charges will be on file in the City Hall.

Section 2: That billing for said user fee will be annotated on the City of Mexico Beach monthly water usage statements.

Section 3: That it shall be the duty of the Mexico Beach Water Department to collect said user fee and remit to the City on or before the 15th day of each month all such

fees collected during the preceding calendar month. It shall be the responsibility of the Water Department to collect the fee hereby levied in connection with any sale of water service. If any purchaser of water service shall fail, neglect or refuse to pay said user fee to the collector of said fee, the City of Mexico Beach is hereby vested with the right to discontinue immediately further water service to the purchaser until the user fee has been paid in full.

Section 4: That the collector of the user fee shall keep complete records showing all fees collected, price being charged monthly for said service being provided, and the date of payment thereof and the records shall, at all reasonable times, be open for inspection by duly authorized agents of the City during business hours on all business days, and said agents shall have authority to make such transcripts thereof as may be necessary.

Section 5: That any person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than sixty (60) days or both such fine and imprisonment, and each and every violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall constitute separate offenses.

Section 6: That if any section, portion or clause of this ordinance for any reason shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity or unconstitutionality

shall not affect or invalidate the remaining sections or provisions.

Section 7: That the funds accruing to the City of Mexico Beach from the user fee mentioned herein shall be dedicated solely for the purpose of sanitation tipping fees.

Section 8: That this ordinance shall take effect as prescribed by law.

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 12, 1987, and ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council on June 9, 1987.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



James R. Jones
Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

Patricia L. Hutchinson
City Clerk

SANITATION

User Fee Cost Factors

Summer Season
(May Through September)

Definitions:

(1) Basic Factor - Lowest cost assigned to a residential unit. This factor is a multiplier used to compute the basic billing element for each residential unit or commercial enterprise.

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Billing is based on the lowest basic factor which generates garbage and is assigned a factor of X 1.

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This factor is derived by multiplying the basic factor by 1.5, since these residences receive three weekly garbage collections during the summer season.

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A basic factor of 1 X the number of dwelling units.

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(6) Mobile Home Park Cost Factor

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15 X basic factor X 1 = 15 basic factors

(7) Hotel/Motel Cost Factors

Divided into 3 categories:

a. Large - 16 units and above (X 5 basic factor)

b. Medium - 8 through 15 units (X 4 basic factor)

c. Small - 1 through 7 units (X 3 basic factor)

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6 basic factors. (1.5 indicates 3 garbage collections per week - summer season)

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All basic factors remain in force with the exception of Paragraph 2 and 4 of Attachment 1. During the winter season this cost factor is reduced to a basic factor of 1, since these residences and multiple dwellings will only receive 2 weekly garbage collections.