

ORDINANCE NO. 207

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CERTAIN USER FEE CHARGES SPECIFICALLY IMPOSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH SANITATION SERVICES, IMPOSING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE SET FORTH, VESTING THE CITY OF MEXICO BEACH WITH THE AUTHORITY TO DISCONTINUE SERVICES FOR NONPAYMENT AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to establish a user fee for said sanitation 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 City sanitation services. This fee is applicable to each individual household or commercial enterprise who maintains on City record an active water account with the City of Mexico Beach. Priorities, categories, and charges will be on file in the City Hall. Attachments 1 and 2 establish user fee cost factors to be used in computation of sanitation fees.

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 the sale of water service. If any purchaser shall fail, neglect or refuse to pay said fee to the collector of said fee, the City of Mexico Beach is hereby vested with the right to immediately discontinue further service to the purchaser until such 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 a separate offense.

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 services.

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

INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on July 14, 1987, and ADOPTED at a special meeting of the City Council on August 3, 1987.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



James R. Jones
Mayor - Councilman

ATTEST:

Patricia L. Hutchinson
City Clerk

Attachment Supersedes Attachment 1 Dated August 3, 1987.

Attachment 1a
September 4, 1987

SANITATION

User Fee Cost Factors

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.

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

(2) Multiple Dwellings

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

(3) Commercial Establishment Cost Factor

All commercial establishments are assigned a cost factor of 3 X the basic factor. Exceptions:

a. Real Estate Offices are assigned a basic cost factor of X 1.

b. Laundromats are assigned a basic cost factor of X 2.

c. Churches are assigned a basic cost factor of X 1.

d. Governmental agencies are assigned a cost factor of "0".

e. Civic enterprises (Chamber of Commerce, etc.) are assigned a cost factor of 1.

(4) Mobile Home Park Cost Factor

Based on the number of available homesites, a 75% occupancy rate X the basic factor is assigned.

Example: 20 Homesites X 75% =

15 X basic factor X 1 = 15 basic factors

(5) 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)

All factors for each category will be grossed and all category totals summed to derive the grand total of all factors. This grand total is divided into the total cost for sanitation fees for the City. The resulting cost represents the basic cost factor for billing purposes.

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