

ORDINANCE NO. 317

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 294, DELETING SECTION 5. CHARGE OR RATE FOR WATER SERVICE AS WRITTEN AND REPLACING SECTION 5. WITH NEW CRITERIA; REPEALING ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mexico Beach has determined that it is in the best interests of the City that this ordinance be enacted; therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Section 5 of Ordinance No. 294 is hereby deleted as written and replaced as follows:

SECTION 5. CHARGE OR RATE FOR WATER SERVICE.

A. Any user of the services of the waterworks system shall pay therefor a monthly charge or rate as indicated by the appropriate category of this section.

B. Residential Accounts:

	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Monthly Basis</u>
3/4"	4,000 gallons	\$15.75 Excess \$1.50 per M
1"	6,000 gallons	\$25.50 Excess \$1.50 per M

C. Duplex dwelling or multi-family dwelling (MDS) on the same building site serviced by one service connection, prior to the passage of this ordinance, shall pay the minimum charge of \$15.75 for the first unit and \$15.75 per additional unit in the dwelling. All over 4,000 gallons will be at \$1.50 per thousand.

D. Commercial Accounts:

	<u>Rates</u>	<u>Monthly Basis</u>
1"	6,000 gallons	\$25.50 Excess \$1.50 per M
2"	12,000 gallons	\$48.75 Excess \$1.50 per M
3"	18,000 gallons	\$72.00 Excess \$1.50 per M
4"	24,000 gallons	\$95.25 Excess \$1.50 per M

E. Connection Fees:

3/4"	Tap \$316.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
1"	Tap \$448.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
2" & Over	Tap \$885.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)

F. The City reserves the right to enter into contracts with large users of water for the purpose of setting and determining a monthly charge or rate for the use of such services, which monthly rate or charge may be computed upon a different basis than set forth in the paragraph immediately preceding. Such contracts shall be entered into by means of resolution duly adopted by the City Council.

G. Customers may pay in advance for new installations and valves for new meters will be sealed or locked until the customer requests service. Reconnection fees will not be charged.

H. The meter reading of a new installation between the 15th and 21st of the month will not be entered into the computer until the meter reading in the following month, at which time one month's minimum plus charges for total consumption will be charged.

I. The Water Department will move a meter from one location to another for a property owner for the cost of labor and parts, except cases which would benefit the City and/or correct previous installation errors. The City Administrator/Public Works Director is authorized to have Water Department personnel correct such exceptions without cost to the property owner.

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SECTION 2. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, for each such offence, be subject to a fine of not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or imprisonment for not to exceed sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, resolutions, or parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. In the event that any section or provision of this ordinance or any portion thereof, any paragraph, sentence, or word be declared by a Court of Competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such a decision shall not effect the validity of the remainder hereof as a whole or part thereof other than the part declared invalid.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective December 1, 1995.

INTRODUCED by the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, at its regular meeting held the 11th day of July, 1995.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida at its regular meeting held the 12th day of September, 1995.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

Garry J. Gaddis
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Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

Patricia L. Hutchinson
City Clerk