

ORDINANCE 371

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 360 AMENDING SECTION 3, "SEPARATE CONNECTIONS FOR EACH SEPARATE UNIT", TO INCLUDE COMMERCIAL UNITS, AND AMENDING SECTION 7, "CHARGE OR RATE FOR WATER SERVICE", PARAGRAPH E, REQUIRING A MINIMUM SIZE METER FOR ALL NEW BUSINESSES AND CHANGING THE RATES FOR SPECIFIC EXISTING BUSINESSES.

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 3 is amended as follows:

Each residential or commercial unit whether occupying one or more lots and whether it shall occupy any lot or parcel jointly with any other residential or commercial unit shall be considered a separate unit for the payment of the water/sewer fees, and separate connections and meters will be required for each of such units. (The remainder of this section remains unchanged.)

Section 7, Paragraph E. is amended as follows:

Commercial buildings serviced by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch meter prior to the passage of this ordinance shall pay the minimum charge of \$17.75. All usage over 6,000 gallons will be charged at \$1.00 per thousand gallons.

All other commercial buildings requiring water service must be supplied by a one inch meter or larger.

The following current situations are unique and require special consideration as follows:

1. Any existing commercial building with no meter will require a one inch meter and a restroom.
2. Any existing business complex serviced by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or larger meter will be charged the basic business rate times the number of business units in the complex.

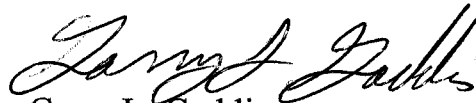
3. Any existing combination of business and residential units serviced by a  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch or larger meter will be charged the basic commercial rate times the number of businesses plus the basic residential rate times the number of residential units.
4. If any business in an existing business complex does not have plumbing facilities there will be no water charge for that business, but there will be a sanitation charge.
5. If there is more than one business within a business facility and they have the same owner the business will be charged the single basic commercial rate.
6. If one or more of the businesses in a business complex is seasonal it will be charged the basic commercial rate only while the business is in operation. It will be the responsibility of the owner or lessor of the complex to notify the City Water Department when the seasonal business begins and ends.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.


INTRODUCED at a regular meeting of the City Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2000 and adopted at a regular meeting on March 14, 2000.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



Garry L. Gaddis  
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ATTEST:



Patricia L. Hutchinson  
City Clerk