

ORDINANCE NO. 551

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 527, ADJUSTING THE CURRENT RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR THE USE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER SYSTEM FOR SERVICE INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF MEXICO BEACH, ALLOWING FOR A SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT AND VACANT LOT RATES, REPEALING ORDINANCES AND/OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

SECTION 1. CHARGE FOR RATE FOR WATER SERVICE

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

B. Residential Accounts:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Basis</u>
¾" 4,000 gallons	\$33.09, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
1" 6,000 gallons	\$50.02, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
Hydrant Usage	\$2.56 per	1,000 gallons

¾" – 4,000 gallons (irrigation meter) \$33.09; excess \$2.56 per 1,000 gallons

No sewer fees will be charged on irrigation meters

A utility tax will be charged on all water usage in accordance with local law.

C. Duplex dwellings or multi-family (MDS) on the same building site serviced by one service connection prior to the passage of this ordinance, shall pay the minimum charge of \$33.09 per unit in the structure. The base allowance will be the 4,000 gallons for each unit in the building. All excess usage will be charged at the rate of \$2.56 per 1,000 gallons.

D. Commercial Accounts:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Basis</u>
1" 6,000 gallons	\$50.02, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
1 ½" 9,000 gallons	\$70.03, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
2" 12,000 gallons	\$93.39, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
3" 18,000 gallons	\$136.83, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons
4" 24,000 gallons	\$182.43, excess	\$2.56 per 1,000 gallons

- E. Temporary construction meters, (3/4") can be purchased by the customer upon request for construction purposes. The monthly rate will be \$33.09 for 0-4,000 gallons/excess \$2.56 per 1,000 gallons, not to exceed three (3) months unless approved by the City Administrator.

SECTION 2. CHARGE FOR RATE FOR SEWER SERVICE

- A. Any user of the services of the sewer utility system shall pay therefore a monthly charge or rate as indicated by the appropriate category of this section.
- B. Residential Accounts:
 Base Monthly Charge: \$42.05 (4,000 gallons base usage)
 Volumetric Charge: \$2.82 excess per 1,000 gallons
- C. Commercial Accounts:
 Base Monthly Charge: \$42.05 (4,000 gallons base usage)
 Volumetric Charge: \$2.82 excess per 1,000 gallons

All commercial accounts will be charged a separate basic commercial charge, at the appropriate commercial rate, plus volumetric excess charges set forth herein, for each business activity conducted on its premises. (E.g. restaurant with 60 seats and a gift shop will be charged a base rate of \$84.10 (restaurant portion) and \$42.05 (gift shop portion) for a total of \$126.15 – plus any volumetric charges that may apply.

Special Category Section

(1) Restaurants/Bars/Eateries

<u>Seating</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Base Usage</u>
0 to 25	\$42.05	4,000 gallons
26 to 50	\$63.07	6,000 gallons
51 to 75	\$84.10	8,000 gallons
76 to 100	\$104.04	10,000 gallons
101 to 125	\$126.14	16,000 gallons
126 to 150	\$147.17	22,000 gallons
151 to 175	\$168.19	24,000 gallons
176 to 200	\$189.22	26,000 gallons
201 to 250	\$231.26	30,000 gallons
251 to 300	\$273.31	34,000 gallons
Above 300	Add \$42.05 per 50 seats/Add	4,000 per 50 seats

All restaurants/bars/eateries shall be charged \$3.06 per 1,000 gallons processed in excess of the establishment's base usage amounts.

(2) Convenience Stores/Gasoline Stations

Basic Monthly Charge:	\$126.14 (12,000 gallons base usage)
Volumetric Charge:	\$2.82 excess per 1,000 gallons

2. Be at least 65 years of age as of October 1 of the year to file
3. Have a total household adjusted gross income that does not exceed the limit announced by the State of Florida each January.

(Household Adjusted Gross income: The sum of income for all members of the household. For the purposes of applying for this exemption, it is the adjusted gross income figure that is calculated and reported on the Federal Income Tax return of all household members.)

B. Customers qualifying for this discount shall be charged the following:

- (a) Water - \$24.82 up to 4,000 gallons
- (b) Sewer - \$31.54 up to 4,000 gallons
- (c) All applicable taxes will be included

SECTION 6. VACANT LOTS

- A. Customers with vacant lots will be charged the following rates:
- (a) Water - \$23.24
 - (b) Excess consumption charges shall be at the prevailing per thousand gallon rate (in excess of 4,000 gallons)
 - (c) All applicable taxes will be included

This Section was effective April 1, 1997 when the City of Mexico Beach implemented this policy and discussed this waiver during a public meeting on January 23, 1997 and only applies to those customers paying base rates since April 1, 1997 on vacant land. Customers that have vacant lots and pay the base rates without interruption will be exempt from paying Water and Sewer impact fees at the time of construction. Upon the sale of the property, this waiver will pass to the new property owner(s) providing there is no interruption in payment of fees.

SECTION 7. FUTURE AMENDMENTS


All subsequent amendments to this ordinance may be made by resolution.

SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall become effective as provided by law.

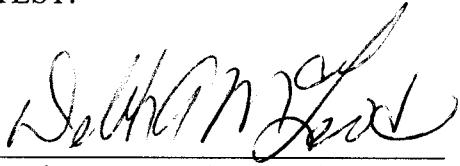
INTRODUCED at the Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 9th day of October, 2007. Adopted at the Special Meeting of the City Council on the 23rd day of October, 2007.

CITY OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA



William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah A. McLeod", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line.

Deborah A. McLeod, City Clerk