

**ORDINANCE NO. 685**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 651, 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 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	\$37.71, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
1" 6,000 gallons	\$56.08, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
Hydrant Usage	\$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	

¾" – irrigation meter \$3.28 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 \$37.71 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 \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons.

D. Commercial Accounts:

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Basis</u>
1" 6,000 gallons	\$56.08, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
1 ½" 9,000 gallons	\$78.25, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
2" 12,000 gallons	\$103.77, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
3" 18,000 gallons	\$151.53, excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons	
4" 24,000 gallons	\$201.45, excess \$3.28 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 \$37.71 for 0-4,000 gallons/excess \$3.28 per 1,000 gallons, not to exceed three (3) months unless approved by the City Administrator.
- F. Inactive accounts, excluding vacant lots, will be required to pay a base rate of \$23.85. The inactive fee excludes the usage fee of \$3.28 per thousand gallons and is the costumer's portion of debt and operation.

**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: \$45.53 (4,000 gallons base usage)
  - Volumetric Charge: \$3.69 excess per 1,000 gallons
- C. Commercial Accounts:
  - Base Monthly Charge: \$45.53 (4,000 gallons base usage)
  - Volumetric Charge: \$3.69 excess per 1,000 gallons

**Special Category Section**

(1) Restaurants/Bars/Eateries

<u>Seating</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Base Usage</u>
0 to 25	\$45.53	4,000 gallons
26 to 50	\$68.61	6,000 gallons
51 to 75	\$91.06	8,000 gallons
76 to 100	\$112.74	10,000 gallons
101 to 125	\$140.06	16,000 gallons
126 to 150	\$166.31	22,000 gallons
151 to 175	\$189.07	24,000 gallons
176 to 200	\$211.84	26,000 gallons
201 to 250	\$257.36	30,000 gallons
251 to 300	\$302.89	34,000 gallons
Above 300	Add \$45.53 per 50 seats/Add 4,000 per 50 seats	

All restaurants/bars/eateries shall be charged \$3.69 per 1,000 gallons processed in excess of the establishment's base usage amounts.

(2) Convenience Stores/Gasoline Stations

- Basic Monthly Charge: \$136.58 (12,000 gallons base usage)
- Volumetric Charge: \$3.69 excess per 1,000 gallons

- (3) Large Retail (12,000 square feet and above): \$182.11 (16,000 gallons base usage)

Volumetric Charge: \$3.69 excess per 1,000 gallons

(4) Private Recreational Facility

Up to .50 acre ground coverage \$68.29 (6,000 gallons base usage)  
.51 to 10 acres ground coverage \$91.06 (8,000 gallons base usage)  
10.01 acres and above \$136.58 (12,000 gallons base usage)

(5) Hotel/Motel Rooms/Recreational Vehicle

(RV) sites: \$12.52 per each hotel/motel room  
And RV site (Base usage=Monthly  
Base rate/\$45.53 x 4,000)  
(E.g. 10 rooms/RV sites: 10 x  
\$12.52 = \$125.20/\$45.53 = 2.75  
x4000 = 11,000 gal as the base rate.)

- D. Duplex dwellings or multi-family (MDS) on the same building site serviced by one service connection prior to passage of this ordinance shall pay the minimum of \$45.53 for the first unit and \$45.53 per additional unit in the structure. All usage of the first 4,000 gallons will have a volumetric charge of \$3.69 per thousand.
- E. Inactive accounts, excluding vacant lots, will be required to pay a base rate of \$30.77. The inactive fee excludes the usage fee of \$3.69 per thousand gallons and is the customer's portion of debt and operation.

**Section 3. SECONDARY WATER METERS FOR NON-SEWER CONNECTED ACTIVITIES**

- A. There is no monthly minimum fee for the secondary meter; the secondary meter billing will reflect the monthly water consumption and all applicable taxes.

**Section 4. USE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATER/SEWER SYSTEM OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS**

- A. Where water and sewer are afforded a customer outside the city limits, the customer shall pay monthly fees in accordance with the prevailing rate schedule plus a surcharge of 25 percent thereof.

**State law references:** Limitation on rates charged consumers outside city limits, F.S. 180.191.

**Section 5. SENIOR CITIZEN DISCOUNT FOR MONTHLY WATER/SEWER CUSTOMERS**

- A. Any person that is a customer of the City of Mexico Beach water/sewer system that qualifies for and receives homestead exemption pursuant to section 6(a), Article VII of the Florida Constitution, and who meets the following criteria will receive this discount;
1. Must be a full-time, year-round resident of the City of Mexico Beach or our service area.

2. Be at least 65 years of age as of October 1 of the year to file
3. Have a 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- \$29.12 up to 4,000 gallons
  - (b) Sewer- \$34.78 up to 4,000 gallons
  - (c) All applicable taxes will be included

#### **Section 6. VACANT LOTS**

- A. Customers with vacant lots will be charge the following rates:
- (a) Water- \$24.44
  - (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 in 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017. Adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

  
William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Adrian Welle, City Clerk