

ORDINANCE 774

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 52 OF THE CITY CODE TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR SEWER SERVICE INCLUDING THE DISCOUNTED SEWER RATE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERALABILITY, CORRECTION OF SCRIVENER'S ERRORS, CODIFICATION, REPEALER AND AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the charges for sewer service paid by the City of Mexico Beach to Bay County have increased; and

WHEREAS, the City has chosen to increase rates paid by users of the City's sewer system to pass along its increased sewer cost to the City's customers; and

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. AMENDMENTS TO SEWER SERVICE RATES. From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 52.08 of the City Code of the City of Mexico Beach related to sewer service rates is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struckthrough~~):

§ 52.08 CHARGE OR 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:	-\$47.45 <u>\$47.89</u> 4,000 gallons base usage
Volumetric Charge:	\$4.17 <u>\$4.28</u> excess per 1,000 gallons
- C. Commercial Accounts:

Base Monthly Charge:	\$47.45 <u>\$47.89</u> 4,000 gallons base usage
Volumetric Charge:	\$4.17 <u>\$4.28</u> excess per 1,000 gallons

Special Category Section

- (l) Restaurants/Bars/Eateries

<u>Seating</u>	<u>Monthly Base Rate</u>	<u>Base Usage</u>
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0 to 25	\$47.45	<u>\$47.89</u>	4,000 gallons
26 to 50	\$71.49	<u>\$72.15</u>	6,000 gallons
51 to 75	\$94.90	<u>\$95.78</u>	8,000 gallons
76 to 100	\$117.54	<u>\$118.64</u>	10,000 gallons
101 to 125	\$147.74	<u>\$149.50</u>	16,000 gallons
126 to 150	\$176.87	<u>\$179.29</u>	22,000 gallons
151 to 175	\$200.59	<u>\$203.23</u>	24,000 gallons
176 to 200	\$224.32	<u>\$227.18</u>	26,000 gallons
201 to 250	\$271.76	<u>\$275.06</u>	30,000 gallons
251 to 300	\$319.21	<u>\$322.95</u>	34,000 gallons
Above 300	Add \$47.45	<u>\$47.56</u>	per 50 seats / Add 4,000 per 50 seats

All restaurants/bars/eateries shall be charged ~~\$4.17~~ \$4.28 per 1,000 gallons processed in excess of the establishment's base usage amounts.

(2) Convenience Stores/Gasoline Stations

Basic Monthly Charge: ~~\$142.34~~ \$143.66 (12,000 gallons base usage)
 Volumetric Charge: ~~\$4.17~~ \$4.28 excess per 1,000 gallons

(3) Large Retail (12,000 square feet and above): ~~\$189.79~~ \$191.55 (16,000 gallons base usage)
 Volumetric Charge: ~~\$4.17~~ \$4.28 excess per 1,000 gallons

(4) Private Recreational Facility
 Up to .50 acre ground coverage ~~\$71.17~~ \$71.83 (6,000 gallons base usage)
 .51 to 10 acres ground coverage ~~\$94.90~~ \$95.78 (8,000 gallons base usage)
 10.01 acres and above ~~\$142.34~~ \$143.66 (12,000 gallons base usage)

(5) Hotel/Motel Rooms/Recreational Vehicle (RV) sites:
~~\$13.00~~ \$13.11 per each hotel/ motel room and RV site (Base usage=Monthly Base rate/
~~\$47.45~~ \$47.99 x 4,000) (E.g. 10 rooms/RV sites:
 10 x \$13.00 = \$130.00 / ~~\$47.45~~ \$47.89 = 2.75
 x4000 = 11,000 gal as the base rate.)

D. Duplex dwellings or multi-family (MOS) on the same building site serviced by one service connection prior to passage of this ordinance shall pay the minimum of ~~\$47.45~~ \$47.56 for the first unit and ~~\$47.45~~ \$47.56 per additional unit in the structure. All usage of the first 4,000 gallons will have a volumetric charge of ~~\$4.17~~ \$4.28 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 ~~\$4.17~~ \$4.28 per thousand gallons and is the customer's portion of debt and operation.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS TO SENIOR CITIZEN SEWER SERVICE RATES.
 From and after the effective date of this ordinance, Section 52.20 of the City Code of the City of

Mexico Beach related to sewer service rates under the senior citizen discount is amended to read as follows (new text **bold and underlined**, deleted text ~~struck through~~):

§ 52.20 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- \$29.48 up to 4,000 gallons
 - (b) Sewer ~~\$36.70~~ **\$37.14** up to 4,000 gallons
 - (c) All applicable taxes will be included

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are severable.


SECTION 4. SCRIVENER'S ERROR. The city attorney may correct scrivener's errors found in this ordinance by filing a corrected copy of this ordinance with the city clerk.

SECTION 5. CODIFICATION. The appropriate officers and agents of the City are authorized and directed to codify, include and publish in electronic format the provisions of this Ordinance within the Mexico Beach Land Development Code. Section numbers may be assigned and changed whenever necessary or convenient.

SECTION 6. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

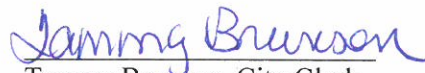
SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance takes effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Mexico Beach, Florida, this 26 day of October, 2021.



William A. Cathey, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Brunson, City Clerk