

ORDINANCE NO. 83

AN ORDINANCE PROMULGATING THE RATES TO BE CHARGED FOR USE OF THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM: OUTLINING MEANS OF ENFORCING PAYMENT FOR WATER SERVICE: PROMULGATING REQUIREMENTS FOR CONNECTION TO THE MUNICIPAL WATERWORKS SYSTEM: SETTING UP MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS: PROHIBITING FREE WATER SERVICE: AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA, that:

SECTION 1. CONNECTIONS WITH WATERWORKS SYSTEM. Where the same shall be available, the owner of every lot or parcel of land within the Town of Mexico Beach, Florida, may connect, or cause the plumbing of any building or buildings thereon to be connected, with the municipal waterworks system of the Town of Mexico Beach, and use the facilities of such water system. All such connections shall be made in accordance with rules and regulations which shall be adopted from time to time by the Town Council of Mexico Beach, which rules and regulations shall provide for a charge for making any such connections in such reasonable amount as such Council may fix and determine. Provided, however, that this Ordinance shall not be construed to entitle any person to cross the private property of another to make such water connections.

SECTION 2. SYSTEM TO BE FULLY METERED WITH SEPARATE CONNECTIONS FOR EACH SEPARATE UNIT. Each lot or building site shall be considered a separate unit for the payment of the water fees herein established, and separate connections will be required for each of such units. Every connection shall be separately metered.

SECTION 3. 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>
First 3,000 gallons or less	\$5.00 (minimum bill)
Over 3,000 gallons	\$.90 per 1,000 gallons

C. Duplex dwellings or multi-family dwellings (MDS) on the same building site serviced by one service connection shall pay the minimum charge of \$5.00 for the first unit and \$3.50 per additional unit in the dwelling. All over 3,000 gallons will be at \$0.90 per thousand.

D. Commercial Accounts:

5/8" or 3/4"	3,000 gallons	\$ 5.00	Excess \$.90 per M
1" or 1 1/4"	5,000 gallons	10.40	Excess 1.13 per M
1 1/2"	10,000 gallons	20.80	Excess 1.13 per M
2"	16,000 gallons	33.28	Excess 1.13 per M

E. Connection Fees:

5/8" or 3/4"	Tap	\$158.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
1" or 1 1/4"	Tap	224.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
1 1/2"	Tap	278.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)
2" & Over	Tap	418.00 or actual cost (whichever is greater)

SECTION 4. UNLAWFUL CONNECTION. No person shall be allowed to connect into the waterworks system without the written consent of the Town Clerk, and then the connection with such system shall only be made under the direction and supervision of the Town Inspector. Any property owner or plumber who shall make any connection without such consent shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

SECTION 5. CONNECTING OLD PLUMBING. Whenever it is desirable to connect existing plumbing with the Mexico Beach waterworks system, the owner or plumber contemplating doing such work shall notify the Town Plumbing Inspector who will inspect said plumbing and notify the owner or plumber what alterations will be necessary to place said plumbing in an acceptable condition for connection with the waterworks system. Any owner or plumber who shall make any connection without the approval of the Town Plumbing Inspector shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided.

SECTION 6. MAINTENANCE OF PLUMBING. The owner of the property shall be responsible for maintaining all plumbing on such property and the pipe leading and connecting from the meter outlet connection.

SECTION 7. PAYMENT OF FEES AND BILLS REQUIRED. Bills for the monthly charges and fees hereinbefore mentioned shall be submitted by the Town Clerk and shall be paid monthly by the users. If any monthly bill for water service shall be and remain unpaid on and after 10 days from the date of submission of said bill for such service, a penalty of ten percent of said bill shall be imposed and be added to said bill; and, if said bill shall continue and remain due and unpaid for a period of 30 days from the date of submission of such bill, the water service to the consumer shall be discontinued and shall not be re-connected until all past due charges shall have been fully paid, together with a re-connection charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00). A re-connection charge of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) shall be paid for re-connections after temporary voluntary discontinuance of service.

SECTION 8. NO SERVICE FREE. No water shall be furnished free of charge to any person, firm or corporation whatsoever, and the Town of Mexico Beach and each and every agency, department or instrumentality which uses the waterworks system shall pay therefor at the rates fixed by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. PENALTIES. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of Section 5 or Section 6 of this Ordinance shall, upon conviction thereof, for each such offense, be subject to a fine of not to exceed Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) or by imprisonment for not to exceed Ninety (90) days, or by both such fines and imprisonment.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the day of closing with Mexico Beach Utilities Corporation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Mexico Beach, Florida, at its regular meeting held the 10th day of October, 1978.

TOWN OF MEXICO BEACH, FLORIDA

M. L. (Bob) Hale

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Mayor-Councilman

ATTEST:

Patricia Hutchinson

