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**ADOPTION**

**INTRODUCTION**

CITY OF COVINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. 2011- 13

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8 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON**  
9 **AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON**  
10 **CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 98 UTILITIES,**  
11 **SEC. 98-122. WATER RATES. AND SEC. 98-123. SEWERAGE RATES.**

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13 **WHEREAS,** water and sewer rates have not been updated since 2000; and

14 **WHEREAS,** utility system operating expenses have increased significantly  
15 since that time; and

16 **WHEREAS,** utility fund operating costs now exceed utility fund revenues;  
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18 **WHEREAS,** the Covington City Council deems this amendment  
19 appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington;  
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21 **WHEREAS,** the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with  
22 law,

23 **NOW, THEREFORE,** be it ordained by the City Council of the City of  
24 Covington, at its regular session convened, that the following sections be amended  
25 to read as follows:

26 **Sec. 98-122. Water rates.**

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28 (a) For all users of the city water system inside the city limits who are not  
29 served by a meter, monthly flat rates shall be applied as follows:

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31 Residential user: ~~\$15.00~~ \$20.00  
32 Low impact commercial/institutional user: ~~\$20.00~~ \$30.00  
33 High impact commercial/institutional user: \$400.00  
34 Senior citizen/disabled user: \$7.50  
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36 (b) All metered users inside the city limits are subject to the following  
37 monthly rates for water service:  
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	Consumption			
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3000	3001-7000	7001-12,000	12,000+
	Gallons	gallons	gallons	gallons
	Minimum	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000	Rate per 1000
		gallons	gallons	gallons
Residential User	\$ 7.00	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.15
Low Impact commercial/institutional user	\$ 8.00	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.15
High Impact commercial/institutional user	\$ 8.00	\$1.00	\$1.10	\$1.15
Senior citizen/disabled User	\$ 3.50	\$0.65	\$0.70	\$0.75

Meter size	Consumption	
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3000 Gallons	3001 Gallons & above
	Minimum	Rate per 1000 gallons
5/8"	\$10.00	\$1.28
3/4"	\$10.00	\$1.28
1"	\$10.00	\$1.28
1½"	\$10.00	\$1.28
2"	\$40.00	\$1.28
4"	\$60.00	\$1.28
6"	\$80.00	\$1.28
8"	\$100.00	\$1.28
Senior citizen/disabled User	\$4.45	\$ .82

(c) The rates established in this section are effective January 1, 2001 September 1, 2011. These rates shall be automatically increased every January 1, commencing January 1, 2002 January 1, 2013, by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the consumer price index for the immediately preceding year multiplied times the utility rate then in effect. The rate shall not decrease.

(d) The rates for residential users outside the city limits shall be 25% more than the rates for residential users inside the city limits, and shall be subject to the same annual increases set forth in (c).

(e) The rates charged to mixed users shall be the higher of the two applicable user rates.

**Sec. 98-123. Sewerage rates.**

(a) For sewerage system users inside the city limits who are not also metered water users, the following monthly flat rates shall be applicable:

- Residential user: ~~\$17.00~~ \$25.00
- Low impact commercial/institutional user: ~~\$25.00~~ \$40.00
- High impact commercial/institutional user: \$100.00
- Senior citizen/disabled user: \$8.50

(b) For sewerage system users inside the city limits who are also metered water users, the following monthly rate, based on water consumption, shall be applicable:

	Consumption			
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3000 gallons	3001-7000 gallons	7001-12,000 gallons	12,000+ gallons
	Minimum	Rate per 1000 gallons	Rate per 1000 gallons	Rate per 1000 gallons
Residential User	\$ 8.50	\$1.30	\$1.15	\$1.10
Low Impact commercial/institutional user	\$10.00	\$1.30	\$1.15	\$1.10
High Impact commercial/institutional user	\$10.00	\$1.45	\$1.45	\$1.45
Senior citizen/disabled User	\$ 4.25	\$0.85	\$0.75	\$0.70

Meter size	Consumption	
	1 <sup>st</sup> 3000 Gallons	3001 Gallons & above
	Minimum	Rate per 1000 gallons
5/8"	\$15.00	\$1.80
3/4"	\$15.00	\$1.80
1"	\$15.00	\$1.80
1½"	\$15.00	\$1.80
2"	\$60.00	\$1.80
4"	\$90.00	\$1.80
6"	\$120.00	\$1.80
8"	\$150.00	\$1.80
Senior citizen/disabled User	\$5.38	\$1.06

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(d) The rates for residential users outside the city limits shall be 25% more than the rates for residential users inside the city limits, and shall be subject to the same annual increases set forth in (c).

(e) The rates charged to mixed users shall be the higher of the two applicable user rates.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions herein

1 which can be given effect without the invalid provision and to this end the  
2 provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

3 **WHEREUPON**, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having  
4 been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City  
5 of Covington, State of Louisiana.

6 **WHEREUPON**, BLACKALL moved for adoption, seconded by  
7 ALEXIUS, and this ordinance was submitted to a vote and resulted in the  
8 following:

9 YEAS: 5 ABSENT: 0

10 NAYS: 2 (SALCO AND BENOIT) ABSTAIN: 0

11 PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

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17 Matthew Faust  
18 MATTHEW T. FAUST  
19 PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

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21 Bonnie D. Champagne  
22 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
23 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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26 Presented to the Mayor this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, at 1:45 o'clock  
27 P.M.

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29 Bonnie D. Champagne  
30 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
31 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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35 Approved  or Vetoed  by the Mayor on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June,  
36 2011.

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39 Candace Watkins  
40 MAYOR CANDACE WATKINS  
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1 Received from the Mayor this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011, at 11:17  
2 o'clock A.M.  
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Bonnie D. Champagne  
6 BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE  
7 CLERK TO THE COUNCIL