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ADOPTION INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2017-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COVINGTON AMENDING THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS OF THE COVINGTON CODE OF ORDINANCES: CHAPTER 98 UTILITIES, ARTICLE IV. RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 98-126. SEWER AND WATER CONNECTION CHARGES, SECTION 98-131. EXTENSION OF WATER MAINS AND SECTION 98-132. EXTENSION OF SEWER MAINS

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the chapter of the Code addressing the rates and charges for utilities; and

WHEREAS, the Covington City Council deems these amendments appropriate to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Covington; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has held its public hearing in accordance with law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 98 Utilities, Article IV. Rates and Charges, Sec. 98-126. Sewer and water connection charges, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-126. Sewer and water connection charges.

(a) The following ~~minimum~~ amount shall be paid to the city by all types of users for each new connection of sewer and water:

~~(1) Sewer connection fee, $500.00 minimum for four-inch pipe and $650.00 minimum for six-inch pipe.~~

~~(2) Water connection fee, (see attached "Determination Sheet") for minimum.~~

(1) Tap In Fees *(For all new 1st time connections)*

a. Water *(2" & below $500, above 2" $1,500)*

b. Sewer *(6" & below $500, above 6" $1,000)*

(2) Water Connection Fee *(if applicable – 3/4" $865, 1" $930, 2" $1,075)*

(3) Boring *(if applicable - $300)*

(4) Sewer Connection Fee *(if applicable - $500 for 4" line, $650 for 6" line)*

(5) Street Cut *(if applicable - $800)*
(6) Cost of Meter Box *(by size)*
(b) Where service, including the installation of a meter in the case of water service has already been provided to the user and where it is only necessary for the city to reactivate that service, without the installation of any new materials, the charges ~~for sewer connection fee shall be $15.00, and the charge for the water connection fee~~ shall be ~~$15.00~~. a Utility Billing Account Set-Up Fee of $15.00 plus a Utility Billing Deposit based on meter size.
(c) The above fees are the minimum fees for normal sewerage and water connections. If the connection of sewerage and water involves other expenses in excess of ordinary connection, then such fees shall be charged as may be determined by sections 98-131 and 98-132.
(d) In those instances in which the delivery of sewer or water services involve a connection with a sewer or water main which has been extended under the provisions of sections 98-131 or 98-132, the individual applying for such services shall also pay ~~an~~ additional connection charge~~s~~, prior to actual connection~~, for such front foot cost~~ as ~~may be~~ provided by section 98-131 or section 98-132.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 98 Utilities, Article IV. Rates and Charges, Sec. 98-131. Extension of water mains, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-131. Extension of water mains.
(a) The city will ~~make~~ allow water main extensions in dedicated public rights-of-way from existing mains where grade and capacity are available on the following terms and conditions:
(1) Any person requesting a water main extension shall complete a water main extension request form to be furnished by the city.
(2) Any person requesting a water main extension shall apply for a Right of Way Permit to be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works.
~~(2)~~ (3) The city shall determine the appropriate size and type of pipe to be installed and the point or points of connection to the existing mains for all ~~main~~ extensions.
~~(3)~~ (4) All extensions shall be made to the side lot or property lines farthest from the terminus of the water main to which the extension is connected, ~~connection,~~ unless the city engineer determines a different terminus is appropriate.
~~(4) The city shall determine the estimated cost of the main extension as follows:~~
~~a. Multiplying the linear feet of pipe required for the extension by a unit cost per foot of main, which unit cost shall be determined by estimation by the city.~~
~~b. Adding the cost of patching of pavement, boring beneath pavement, connecting to existing mains, installation of manholes, fire hydrants, pump stations, force mains and other appurtenances if necessary.~~

~~c. Adding any other costs, including labor, or expenses incurred by the city and reasonably allocated to such main extension.~~

~~(5) The applicant shall deposit with the city an amount equal to the estimated cost of the main extension servicing the applicant's property to be determined as follows:~~

~~a. By dividing the total cost of the project by the number of total linear feet of pipe adjacent to properties being served by the main extension to determine a unit cost per foot of main, multiplied by the total linear feet of pipe adjacent to the applicant's property.~~

~~b. The applicant shall deposit with the city an amount equal to this proportionate cost prior to construction. Upon completion of the extension, should the actual cost be more or less than the original estimate, the applicant shall pay the city his proportionate cost increase or receive a rebate.~~

(5) All plans and drawings must be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer prior to construction.

(6) All water main extensions shall be performed by a licensed contractor at the property owner's expense.

(7) All main extensions must be inspected by and approved by Public Works prior to service connection and prior to back filling.

~~(6)~~ (8) The city reserves the right to allow the installation of only the length of pipe necessary to serve the property of the applicant.

~~(7) The city shall be entitled to a payment from all future persons who tie in to the line extension based on the same proportionate cost per front foot.~~

~~(8)~~ (9) Extensions under this section will remain the property of the city. The city may further extend its distribution mains beyond the terminus of any water main extension or add lateral main extensions to the original main extension made under this section, as well as serve additional customers from all or part of this main extension, and the ~~depositor~~ property applicant will not be entitled to any refund for the addition of customers to any such extension of the water mains.

~~(9) No interest shall be paid by the city on the deposit or any unrefundable balance thereof.~~

(b) This section notwithstanding, the city shall have the right and power to extend its ~~sewer~~ water facilities on a basis other than as set forth in this section where, because of the number of property owners requesting such service or the type of development being undertaken, it becomes advisable to do such or where said extension is in the interest of public health, welfare and/or safety.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Covington, at its regular session convened, that Chapter 98 Utilities, Article IV. Rates and Charges, Sec. 98-132. Extension of sewer mains, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-132. Extension of sewer mains.

(a) The city will ~~make~~ allow sewer main extensions in dedicated public rights-of-way from existing mains where grade and capacity are available on the following terms and conditions:

(1) Any person requesting a sewer main extension shall complete a sewer ~~main extension~~ determination request form to be furnished by the city.

(2) Any person requesting a sewer main extension shall apply for a Right-of-Way Permit to be reviewed and approved by the City Engineer and the Director of Public Works.

~~(2)~~ (3) The city shall determine the appropriate size and type of pipe to be installed and the point or points of connection to the existing mains for all ~~main~~ extensions.

~~(3)~~ (4) All extensions shall be made to the side lot or property lines farthest from the terminus of the sewer main to which the extension is connected, ~~connection,~~ unless the city engineer determines a different terminus is appropriate.

~~(4) The city shall determine the estimated cost of the main extension as follows:~~

~~a. Multiplying the linear feet of pipe required for the extension by a unit cost per foot of main, which unit cost shall be determined by estimation by the city.~~

~~b. Adding the cost of patching of pavement, boring beneath pavement, connecting to existing mains, installation of manholes, pump stations, force mains and other appurtenances if necessary.~~

~~c. Adding any other costs, including labor, or expenses incurred by the city and reasonably allocated to such main extension.~~

~~(5) The applicant shall deposit with the city an amount equal to the cost of the main extension servicing the applicant's property to be determined as follows:~~

~~a. By dividing the total cost of the project by the number of total linear feet of pipe adjacent to properties being served by the main extension to determine a unit cost per foot of main, multiplied by the total linear feet of pipe adjacent to the applicant's property.~~

~~b. The applicant shall deposit with the city an amount equal to this proportionate cost prior to construction. Upon completion of the extension, should the actual cost be more or less than the original estimate, the applicant shall pay the city his proportionate cost increase or receive a rebate.~~

(5) All plans and drawings must be submitted to and approved by the City Engineer prior to construction.

(6) All sewer main extensions shall be performed by a licensed contractor at the property owner's expense.

(7) All main extensions must be inspected by and approved by Public Works prior to service connection and prior to back filling.

~~(6)~~ (8) The city reserves the right to allow the installation of only the length of pipe necessary to serve the property of the applicant.

~~(7) The city shall be entitled to a payment from all future persons who tie in to the line extension based on the same proportionate cost per front foot.~~

~~(8)~~ (9) Extensions under this section will remain the property of the city. The city may further extend its distribution mains beyond the terminus of any sewer main extension or add lateral main extensions to the original main extension made under this section, as well as serve additional customers from all or part of this main extension, and the ~~depositor~~ property applicant will not be entitled to any refund for the addition of customers to any such extension of the sewer mains.

~~(9) No interest shall be paid by the city on the deposit or any unrefundable balance thereof.~~

(b) This section notwithstanding, the city shall have the right and power to extend its sewer facilities on a basis other than as set forth in this section where, because of the number of property owners requesting such service or the type of development being undertaken, it becomes advisable to do such or where said extension is in the interest of public health, welfare and/or safety.

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

WHEREUPON, this ordinance having been submitted in writing, having been read by title and adopted at a public meeting of the City Council of the City of Covington, State of Louisiana, was then submitted to an official vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

MOVED FOR ADOPTION by Smith, seconded by McMath.

YEAS: 6 **ABSENT:** 1 (Wright)

NAYS: ~~0~~ **ABSTAIN:** ~~0~~

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of August, 2017.

R. S. Sam O'Keefe

R.S. "SAM" O'KEEFE
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor this 16th day of August, 2017, at 11:45 o'clock A.M.

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 16th day of August, 2017.

MICHAEL B. COOPER
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor this 16TH day of August, 2017, at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

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COUNCIL CLERK