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INTRODUCTION

CITY OF COVINGTON
STATE OF LOUISIANA

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-23

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, SEC. 98-122. WATER RATES, SEC. 98-123. SEWERAGE RATES AND SEC. 98-124. GARBAGE, TRASH AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION CHARGES

WHEREAS, certain amendments have been suggested to the sections of the Code addressing water rates, sewerage rates and garbage, trash and recyclables collection charges; 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. 98-122. Water rates, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-122. Water rates.

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

Residential user: $20.00
Low impact commercial/institutional user: $30.00
High impact commercial/institutional user: $400.00
Senior citizen/disabled user: $7.50

(b) All metered users inside the city limits are subject to the following monthly rates for water service:

	Consumption	
Meter size	First 3,000 gallons	3,001 gallons and above
	Minimum	Rate per 1,000 gallons
5/8 "	$10.00	$1.28
¾"	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 September 1, 2011. These rates shall be automatically increased every January 1, commencing January 1, 2013, by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers—~~All items~~ Water and sewer and trash collection services 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 percent 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 with the exception that existing multi-unit structures on a single compound meter will be billed at the lower rate per unit.

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. 98-123. Sewerage rates, shall be amended to read as follows:

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: $25.00
Low impact commercial/institutional user: $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	
Meter size	First 3,000 gallons	3,001 gallons and above
	Minimum	Rate per 1,000 gallons
5/8 "	$15.00	$1.80
¾"	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

(c) The rates established in this section are effective September 1, 2011. These rates shall be automatically increased every January 1, commencing January 1, 2013, by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers—~~All items~~ Water and sewer and trash collection services 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 percent more than the rates for residential users inside the city limits, and shall be subject to the same annual increases set forth in [subsection] (c).

(e) The rates charged to mixed users shall be the higher of the two applicable user rates with the exception that existing multi-unit structures on a single compound meter will be billed at the lower rate per unit.

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. 98-124. Garbage, trash and recyclables collection charges, shall be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 98-124. Garbage, trash and recyclables collection charges.

(a) The monthly charge for the collection of garbage, trash and recyclables for users inside the city limits shall be as determined by the legal bid process and memorialized by a signed contract, all in accordance with chapter 2

administration, article VI, professional service contracts, of the Covington Code of Ordinances, except as follows:
Senior citizen/disabled user: $7.50
(b) The rates established by contract shall be automatically adjusted every January 1, commencing after July 1, 2012, by the addition of an amount equal to the change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers— ~~All items~~ Water and sewer and trash collection services for the immediate preceding year multiplied times the garbage rate then in effect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the CPI adjustment referred to herein shall only be effective during the term of each effective contract entered into by the city. The city shall have the right to increase or decrease rates as it sees fit, which may be an adjustment greater than or less than the CPI then in effect, for each new contract it enters into to provide the services contemplated by this section.
(c) The rates for residential users outside the city limits shall be 25 percent more than the rates for residential users inside the city limits, and shall be subject to the same annual increases set forth in [subsection] (b).

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all other sections of Chapter 98 Utilities shall remain the same and in full force.

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 Verret, seconded by Rolling.

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

NAYS: 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of November, 2019.

P. McMath

PATRICK McMATH
COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Bonnie D. Champagne

BONNIE D. CHAMPAGNE
COUNCIL CLERK

Presented to the Mayor this 6th day of November, 2019, at 12:00 o'clock P.M.

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COUNCIL CLERK

Approved ✓ or Vetoed ___ by the Mayor on this 6th day of November, 2019.

MARK R. JOHNSON
MAYOR

Received from the Mayor on the 6th day of November, 2019, at 3:40 o'clock P.M.

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COUNCIL CLERK