

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 8, 84, 106, 117, 135, 140, 152, 158 AND 160 OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA IN ORDER TO AMEND AND INCREASE CERTAIN RATES TO BE CHARGED BY THE CITY OF COAHOMA FOR WATER, SEWER AND TRASH SERVICE; ENACTING PROVISIONS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO SUCH SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Coahoma, Texas finds it necessary to amend the existing utility rates ordinance in order to preserve and maintain a viable water, sewer and trash service and to protect the public health and welfare of the citizens of the city; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve the future quality of such systems the City Council finds it necessary to amend the terms and/or increase the rates related to municipal water, sewer and trash service for those customers of the city's water, sewer and trash services both within the City of Coahoma as well as for those customers outside the city limits;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS AS FOLLOWS:

1. THAT from and after the effective date of this Ordinance, Previous Ordinance Numbers 8, 84, 117, 127, 135, 140, 152, 158 and 160 are hereby repealed in their entirety and the following provisions shall take effect.

#### **SECTION 1. WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES**

A. Monthly Water Rates. There shall be charged and collected each month by the City of Coahoma, Texas from the consumers of water service amounts for water service based upon the following monthly rates:

Minimum charge up to 2,000 gallons \$23.54

2001 and up an additional \$11.77 per 1,000 gallons

thereafter

Temporary on and off charge \$25.00 each

occurrence

Trash only	\$33.08
Line repair charge	\$6.00
RV/Cabins water charge	\$48.36 Minimum \$24.18/0-50,000 per 1000 gals \$20.18/51,000-99,000 per 1000 gals \$15.18/100,000 up per 1000 gals
Truck water	\$13.87 per 1000 gals
NSF charge	\$35.00 paid with cash, credit card or money order.
Reconnect Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> time \$25.00 2 <sup>nd</sup> time \$50.00 3 or more times \$75.00 Total due will be past due water bill/reconnection fee all paid by cash credit card or money order.
Commercial water rates	\$24.18 Minimum \$12.18 0-50,000 per 1000 gals \$13.18 51,000-99,000 per 1000 gals \$14.18 100,000 and up per 1000 gals

**B. Monthly Sewer Rates.** There shall be charged and collected each month by the City of Coahoma, Texas from the consumers of sanitary sewer services, the amounts for sewer service based upon the following monthly rates:

Single Family Residence:

0-1000 Gallons	\$18.00
1001-5000 Gallons	\$25.00
5001-10,000 Gallons	\$35.00
10,001 plus Gallons	\$45.00
Double family residence	\$30.00

Commercial

0-15000 gallons	\$75.00
15001-30,000	\$100.00
30,001 plus	\$150.00

Trash Fees

Residential	\$26.00
3 Yard (1 household)	\$48.00

**C. Trash Fees:**

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3 Yard (1 household)	\$48.00

**D. Tap Fees:**

1. Any person desiring to tap and use any sewer line belonging to the City of Coahoma, Texas shall pay a fee of \$450.00 for the making of said tap.
2. Any person desiring to tap and use the water line belonging to the City of Coahoma, Texas shall pay a fee for the making of such tap in the amount of \$1150.00 for a 5/8 inch line; \$1300 for a 1 inch line and based on a quote beginning at \$3500.00 for a 2 inch line.
3. Additional Tap charges: If the service location for the tap necessitates additional labor or equipment charges such as for boring under a roadway, other obstruction or any other extenuating circumstance, the customer must pay such additional charges in advance based on a quote to be provided prior to the making of the tap.

**E. Payment, Disconnection:**

1. All water, sewer, trash rates, charges and fees established pursuant to this ordinance shall be paid to the City of Coahoma Water Department. All payments shall be due on the 10th day of the succeeding month following the date of billing.
2. In the event any consumer of City water, sewer and trash services does not pay the amount due upon proper billing within thirty days from the date same became due and payable, such consumer's water service shall be subject to disconnection of water services. Whenever the amount past due and delinquent is paid by such user or consumer, such service shall be resumed.
3. Rates and charges for water, sewer and trash services shall be billed to the consumer on one statement, and such consumers shall not be permitted to make separate payment for such services.
4. No free water, sewer and trash services shall be allowed to any person, firm or corporation.

**SECTION 2. OTHER FEES.**

1. Building Permit Fee: .10 per square foot with a minimum of \$10.00.
2. Restaurant Permit Fee:

0 - \$49,999.99	\$125.00
\$50,000.00 - \$149,999.99	\$250.00
\$150,000.00 – Up	\$375.00

**SECTION 3. PENALTY.** Notwithstanding any other remedies provided herein, any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be subject to a maximum fine \$250.00. Each day of such violation shall constitute a separate offense.

**SECTION 4.** THAT, if any paragraph, clause, phrase or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or held unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any other part or provision thereof

**SECTION 5.** THAT, all ordinances, resolutions or parts thereof heretofore passed and adopted by the governing body of the City of Coahoma, Texas that are in conflict herewith, shall be and the same hereby are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 6.** THAT, the City Secretary is hereby ordered to publish the caption of this ordinance and a description of the penalty prescribed herein in accordance with state law.

**SECTION 7. Effective Date:** THAT, this ordinance and the rates and charges reflected herein shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication in accordance with law.

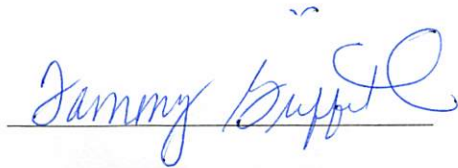
PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coahoma, Texas on this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2023.



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Jay Holt, Mayor

ATTEST:



Tammy Griffith, City Secretary