

ORDINANCE NO. 05-12

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 02-11 DATED SEPTEMBER 12, 2011, WHICH IS AN ORDINANCE SETTING WATER & SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE CITY OF STRAWN, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF STRAWN; SETTING THE WATER & SEWER TAP RATES (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RURAL CUSTOMERS' WATER TAP RATES SET BY CONTRACT); PROVIDING THAT NO FREE SERVICE OF USE OF THE FACILITIES WILL BE PERMITTED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANDATORY USE OF THE FACILITIES IF AND WHEN AVAILABLE; PROVIDING FOR ONE HOOK-UP PER METER; SETTING WATER METER DEPOSITS AND REFUND THEREOF UPON TERMINATION OF SERVICE; PROVIDING FOR CHARGING OF LATE CHARGES ON DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS, AND PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PENALTIES, INCLUDING RE-CONNECT FEES; NEW ACCOUNTS; SETTING RATES FOR MACHINE WORK; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL AMEND EVERY PRIOR ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND SHALL BE ACCUMULATIVE OF ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES NOT IN DIRECT CONFLICT; AND NAMING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STRAWN, TEXAS:

SECTION I

The rates and charges for water and sewer services are hereby established as follows:

RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

First 3,000 gallons	
Used per month per meter inside city limits	\$27.00 Minimum
3,001 to 15,000 gallons	
Used per month per meter inside city limits.....	\$5.35 per 1,000 gallons

15,001 gallons and over per month per meter inside city limits.....	\$6.35 per 1,000 gallons
First 3,000 gallons Used per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$31.25 Minimum
3,001 to 15,000 gallons Used per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$5.65 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$6.65per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

First 3,000 gallons Used per month per meter inside city limits.....	\$30.50 Minimum
3,001 to 15,000 gallons Used per month per meter inside city limits.....	\$5.35 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 gallons and over per month per meter inside city limits.....	\$6.35 per 1,000 gallons
First 3,000 gallons Used per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$37.00 Minimum
3,001 to 15,000 gallons Used per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$5.65 per 1,000 gallons
15,001 and over per month per meter outside city limits.....	\$6.65per 1,000 gallons

UNMETERED WATER RATES

Bulk Water Rate – Treated Water.....	\$12.00 per 1,000 gallons
Bulk Water Rate – Untreated Water.....	\$ 6.00 per 1,000 gallons

RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES

First 3,000 gallons water used per month.....	\$13.75 per meter
3,001 to 15,000 gallons water used per month.....	\$13.75 plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons \$34.75 MAXIMUM

COMMERCIAL SEWER RATES

First 3,000 gallons water used per month.....	\$15.75 per meter
3,001 to 30,000 gallons water used per month.....	\$15.75 plus \$1.75 per 1,000 gallons \$63.00 MAXIMUM

SECTION II

The rates and charges for water and sewer taps are hereby established as follows:

Water Tap (Residential and Commercial).....	\$250.00 per tap (Includes Double Check Valve Assembly (New Taps) (Mandatory 1/1/96 9"))
Water Tap for 2 inch meter	\$500.00 per tap
Sewer Tap (Residential and Commercial).....	\$350.00 per tap

SECTION III

No free service or use of these facilities will be permitted.

SECTION IV

Mandatory use of facilities will be enforced to all customers to whom service is available, and if and when service is available in the future.

SECTION V

Only one (1) hook-up per meter will be allowed. A tap and meter will be required for additional residences or other buildings located on the same property, or adjacent property, and the required fees shall be paid. Each meter will be billed separately at the established rate for service.

SECTION VI

METER DEPOSITS

Water meter deposits are set at Two-Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, refundable upon payment of final bill, or to be applied to final bill.

SECTION VII

DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The following rules will govern all water user accounts:

1. All bills are due and payable on or before the 10th of the month following receipt of bill
2. If account is not paid by the 15th of the month following receipt of the bill, a late fee of five per-cent (5%) of the bill, or \$5.00, whichever is greater, will be charged.
3. Water service will automatically be terminated AND METER LOCKED or REMOVED if account remains delinquent twenty-one (21) days after the due date, unless payment arrangements are made with the City Secretary and an agreement signed.

SECTION VIII

RE-CONNECT

1. In the event of removal of the meter, customer will be assessed an additional deposit of Two-Hundred (\$200.00) Dollars, plus a re-connect fee of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars, plus the balance of outstanding bill not covered by original deposit consumed by the past due account.
2. No action on re-connect will be taken other than during regular City business hours, and all fees must be collected prior to said action.

SECTION IX

NOTIFICATION

1. Notification of past due accounts and the balances will be printed on the water bill.

SECTION X

NEW ACCOUNTS

1. All new requests for water service will be subject to credit check of the applicant of past utility accounts.

SECTION XI

The following rates will apply to hourly rates for machinery and operator:

Machine and operator.....\$75.00 per hour (2 Hour minimum)

Mowing (Brush-hog or Lawn Mower).....\$25.00 per hour (2 hour minimum)

SECTION XII

This ordinance shall and does amend every prior ordinance in conflict herewith, but as to all other ordinances or sections of ordinances not in direct conflict, this ordinance shall be, and the same is hereby made cumulative.

SECTION XIII

This ordinance numbered **05-12** shall be in full force and effective October 1, 2012.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this the _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

_____, City Secretary