

**City Council  
Agenda Memo**



**TO: Larry D. Gilley, City Manager**

**City Council  
Meeting Date: 9/25/2014**

**FROM: H. Wayne Lisenbee, Assistant Director of Water Utilities**

**SUBJECT: WRITTEN RESOLUTION REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES  
FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

On September 11, 2014, the City Council approved the Proposed FY2015 Budget. At this same meeting, the City Council approved the publication of a notice of intention to issue Certificates of Obligation in support of the City's ongoing Drought Response Projects. The attached Resolution and Schedule of Rates and Charges reflects the rates for water and sewer service necessary to provide for the approved FY2015 Operating Budget as well as the additional debt service requirements that will be created by the upcoming issuance of Certificates of Obligation.

**FUNDING/FISCAL IMPACT**

The proposed rates are projected to raise \$1.5 Million in additional water revenues for Operations and \$4.2 Million in additional water revenues for Debt Service.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution revising the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service.

**ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution  
Schedule of Rates and Charges

Prepared by:

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Title: Assistant Director of Water Utilities

Item No. 7.2

Disposition by City Council

- ☐ Approved      Ord/Res# \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Denied      \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Other      \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Secretary

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS, REVISING THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SERVICE.**

WHEREAS, Section 32-37 and Section 32-39 of the Abilene Municipal Code provide for the establishment of a Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service; and,

WHEREAS, the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service has from time to time been revised by the Council;

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2013 the City Council of the City of Abilene adopted, by Resolution No. 24-2013, a Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service; and,

WHEREAS, at this time there is a need to revise the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service adopted on September 26, 2013, NOW THEREFORE;

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ABILENE, TEXAS:**

PART 1: That the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service adopted on September 26, 2013 is hereby replaced by the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

PART 2: That this Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service shall be kept on file in the City Secretary's office and in the Water Utility office.

PART 3: That the effective date of the action for all non-contract customers shall be such that the first billing statement prepared in November 2014, which generally reflects water used in October, and all subsequent billing statements, shall be based upon and reflect the rates presented in Exhibit A.

PART 4: That the effective date of the action for all contract customers shall be such that the first billing statement prepared in January 2015, which generally reflects water used in December 2014, and all subsequent billing statements, shall be based upon and reflect the rates presented in Exhibit A.

PART 5: The City Council will annually review and adjust the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Utility Service to ensure that projected revenues can cover all projected expenses and financial obligations of the Department.

ADOPTED the \_\_\_\_\_, A.D., 2014.

ATTEST:

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CITY SECRETARY

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MAYOR

APPROVED:

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CITY ATTORNEY

# EXHIBIT A

## CITY OF ABILENE WATER UTILITY DEPARTMENT SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES ADOPTED \_\_\_\_\_ BY RESOLUTION NO \_\_\_\_\_

	WATER	SEWER
<b>Residential</b> <i>Service to all domestic housing of three units or less.</i>	Customer Service Charge. . . . . Based on Meter Size* First 6,000 gallons. . . . . \$2.50 per thousand gallons 7,000 – 15,000 gallons. . . . \$3.55 per thousand gallons Over 15,000 gallons. . . . . \$4.89 per thousand gallons  + O.H. Ivie Charge. . . . . \$0.60 per thousand gallons	Customer Service Charge. . . . . \$12.00 Minimum First 10,000 gallons. . . . \$1.55 per thousand gallons Over 10,000 gallons. . . . . No Charge
<b>Commercial</b> <i>Business operations including residential housing with four units or more.</i>	Customer Service Charge. . . . .Applicable Minimum* First 6,000 gallons. . . . . \$2.50 per thousand gallons Over 6,000 gallons. . . . . \$3.55 per thousand gallons  + O.H. Ivie Charge. . . . . \$0.60 per thousand gallons	Customer Service Charge. . . . . \$12.00 Minimum All use . . . . . \$1.55 per thousand gallons
<b>Industrial</b>	Customer Service Charge . . . . .Applicable Minimum* All consumption . . . . . \$2.83 per thousand gallons  + O.H. Ivie Charge. . . . . \$0.60 per thousand gallons	Customer Service Charge. . . . . \$12.00 Minimum All use . . . . . \$1.55 per thousand gallons
<b>Yard Meter</b>	Yard Meters all use . . . . . \$4.89 per thousand gallons  + O.H. Ivie Charge. . . . . \$0.60 per thousand gallons	<u>Surcharge Rate:</u> B.O.D. (\$0.091/lb) T.S.S. (\$0.067/lb) F.O.G (\$0.091/lb)
<b>Construction Water</b>	Set-up fee . . . . . \$60.00 All Use . . . . . \$4.89 per thousand gallons  + O.H. Ivie Charge. . . . . \$0.60 per thousand gallons	<b>MONTHLY ACCOUNT FEES</b>  <u>Environmental Rate:</u> All accounts . . . . . \$2.50 per account <i>This fee supports the Stormwater Services and the Solid Waste Environmental Program.</i>  <u>Multiple Housing Units:</u> When more than two living or business units are supplied through one meter, each additional living or business unit will be charged two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50). No credit shall be allowed for vacant or unoccupied units if the utility account remains active.  <u>Fire Line Sprinkler Systems:</u> \$2.00 per inch in diameter of service connection
<b>Outside of City limits, double above rates for water consumption.</b>		
<b>*Charge Applies to Meter Size Indicated:</b>		
5/8 or ¾ . . . . . \$13.25 Min. per month		
1 inch . . . . . 19.50		
1-1/2 inch . . . . . 35.75		
2 inch . . . . . 59.75		
3 inch . . . . . 113.00		
4 inch . . . . . 166.25		
6 inch . . . . . 303.75		
8 inch . . . . . 494.75		
10 inch . . . . . 657.25		

SERVICE FEES AND CONSTRUCTION FEES ON REVERSE SIDE

City of Abilene Water Utilities  
Schedule of Rates and Charges – continued

**SERVICE CHARGES:**

New Service .....	\$25.00
Transfer Service .....	\$17.50
Temporary Service .....	\$10.00
Delinquent On .....	\$17.50
Illegal Consumption .....	\$30.00
Re-read meter .....	\$10.00
Return Check Charge .....	\$30.00 per account
Meter Test .....	\$25.00

**DEPOSITS:**

Deposits may be required based on payment history and/or credit worthiness.

**TAP FEES:**

**Note:** A plumbing permit must be issued by Building Inspection prior to payment of the tap fee.

**New Taps:**

¾ inch .....	\$350.00
1 inch .....	375.00
1 ½ inch .....	525.00
2 inch and larger .....	Actual cost of installation

**Replacement Tap Credit:**

¾ inch .....	\$20.00
1 inch .....	40.00
1 ½ inch .....	100.00

**PRO RATA CHARGE FOR WATER AND SEWER LINE CONNECTION:**

**Sewer:**

Installed prior to June 30, 1981 .....	\$2.25 per frontage foot
Installed after June 30, 1981 .....	\$4.00 per frontage foot

**Water:**

Installed prior to June 30, 1981 .....	\$3.25 per frontage foot
Installed after June 30, 1981 .....	\$5.00 per frontage foot

The basis for determining footage amounts is described in Chapter 32 of the Municipal Code.