

**Ordinance NO. 096-049**

**An Ordinance Amending The Water and Wastewater Rates, Changing The Billing Methodology For Commercial Customers With Cooling Towers, and Setting An Effective Date**

Whereas, the Town of Addison has completed an engineering study that has identified all major capital projects needed in the foreseeable future, through the build out of Addison, and

Whereas, the Town of Addison has concluded that there are some commercial customers with water cooling towers that are not separately metered, that are billed for wastewater because the water cooling towers are not separately metered, and that these water cooling tower flows are mostly evaporated into the atmosphere and are not returned to the wastewater system, and

Whereas, the Town of Addison has also completed a multi-year financial plan and rate study with the assistance of the Town's Finance Director and City Engineer that has validated that \$3.8 million of bonds and accrued interest stemming from the 1993 bond sale will not be needed to complete the current and forecasted capital improvement plans and can be retired or defeased to lower the debt service costs.

Whereas, the multi-year financial plan has formed the basis for a wastewater rate decrease equal to approximately 13.0% and a water rate increase of 2.1%.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ADDISON.

I. Sewer Rates

That Chapter 18, Section 76 of the Town of Addison Code of Ordinances entitled "Sewage rates" shall be amended to read as follows:

"The customer classifications, minimum bills, and consumption charges shall be as follows:

*Sewer Minimum Bills.* Minimum monthly bills shall be applied to all customers based upon customer classification and shall include an allowance for volume based upon water consumed as follows:

<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Volume Included (Gallons)</u>
Single Family Residential	\$ 8.79	2,000
Multi-Family Residential	\$ 50.15	15,000
Municipal/Schools	\$ 66.12	20,000
Commercial Large (meter size equal to or greater than 2 inches)	\$120.19	37,000
Commercial Small (meter size less than 2 inches)	\$ 15.41	3,000
Industrial Large (meter size equal to or greater than 2 inches)	\$257.13	80,000
Industrial Small (meter size less than 2 inches)	\$ 11.96	3,000
Hotel/Motel	\$257.13	80,000

*Sewer Volume Rate.* All volume which exceeds the amount allowed in the minimum bill shall be charged at a rate of \$3.19 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed for all customer classifications.

*Maximum Residential Sewer Bill.* Single-family residential customers shall not be charged for volume which exceeds 8,000 gallons of water consumed.

*Separately Metered Irrigation or Air-conditioning Uses of Water.* No sewage charges shall be levied for separately metered water that is used for irrigation sprinklers or for air-conditioning cooling towers where none of the water is returned to the sewage system.

*Roof-Top Air-Conditioning Uses That Are Not Separately Metered.* Customers with cooling tower units for air-conditioning uses that are not separately metered shall be billed for sewer services based on water consumption up to a maximum amount computed as the average of the three preceding winter billing months of December, January, February. The re-computed winter average will be effective as of October 1996 based on the 1995-96 winter months and for the March monthly billings in 1997 and thereafter.

In the event the customer believes their business contributes less sewer volume than those amounts subject to the calculation of maximum of the average water consumption for the three preceding billing winter months, they may, at their expense and under city specifications, construct a separate water line and water meter for air-conditioning cooling tower purposes or, alternatively, construct a separate sewer meter to determine the exact amount of sewage discharged. In the case of a separate water line and water meter, there shall be no sewage charges for the water consumed. In the case of a separate sewer meter, sewage rates shall be charged based upon the actual sewage flow."

## II. Water Rates

That Chapter 18, Section 77 of the Town of Addison Code of Ordinances entitled "Water rates" shall be amended to read as follows:

"The customer classifications, minimum bills, and consumption charges shall be as follows:

*Water Minimum Bills.* Minimum monthly bills shall be applied to all customers based upon customer classification and shall include an allowance for volume based upon water consumed as follows:

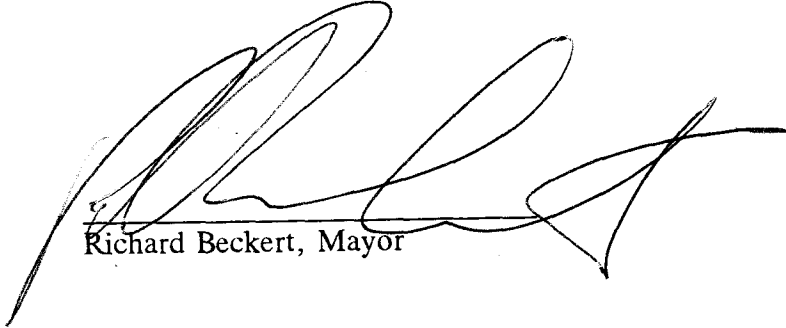
<u>Customer Classification</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Bill</u>	<u>Volume Included (Gallons)</u>
Single Family Residential	\$ 7.50	2,000
Multi-Family Residential	\$ 45.28	15,000
Municipal/Schools	\$ 59.63	20,000
Commercial Large (meter size equal to or greater than 2 inches)	\$109.60	37,000
Commercial Small (meter size less than 2 inches)	\$ 10.62	3,000
Industrial Large (meter size equal to or greater than 2 inches)	\$240.91	80,000
Industrial Small (meter size less than 2 inches)	\$ 9.70	3,000
Hotel/Motel	\$240.91	80,000
Sprinkler Large (meter size equal to or greater than 2 inches)	\$ 75.39	27,000
Sprinkler Small (meter size less than 2 inches)	\$ 15.52	5,000
Fire Meters	\$ 24.61	8,000

*Water Volume Rate.* All volume which exceeds the amount allowed in the minimum bill shall be charged at a rate of \$1.50 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed for all customer classifications."

III. Effective Date

The effective date of this ordinance shall be for all water and sewer bills issued on or after October 1, 1996.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1996.



Richard Beckert, Mayor

ATTEST:



Carmen Moran, City Secretary

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