AN ORDINANCE NO 2019-O-071

Amending Chapter 31 (Utilities), Article III, (WATER), Division 3 (RATES AND CHARGES), section 31-138 (Water Rates) by increasing the water rates as follows: Residential base minimum charge and volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent effective each year from October 1, 2019 through October 1, 2022; and Commercial base minimum charge adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent and the volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to twenty (20) percent for one (1) year effective October 1, 2019, and then both the Commercial base minimum charge and volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent each year from October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2022, and then to an annual adjustment of three (3) percent for all customer classes each October 1st thereafter as shown in Tables 1 and 2; and also amending section 31-141 (Water Availability), b (Connection Charges), 2 by deleting approval by the City Manager; Providing for publication and an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Laredo continues to grow and the City's water and wastewater systems must expand to meet the needs of future development; and

WHEREAS, a large investment is required in order to pay for the capital improvements needed for water and wastewater infrastructure projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order to fund the capital improvements and to thereafter keep up with the rising costs of equipment, services and inflation to insure that the water and wastewater systems continues to provide uninterrupted services to our customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAREDO THAT:

<u>Section 1.</u> The city of Laredo Code of Ordinances, Chapter 31, Utilities, Article III, Water, Division 3, Water Rates, Sec. 31-138 and Sec. 31-141 is hereby amended as follows:

ARTICLE III: WATER

DIVISION 3. - RATES AND CHARGES

Sec. 31-138. - Water rates.

Premises connected with water system. Charges shall be paid by all persons owning or occupying premises which are connected with the water system in accordance with the following schedule of rates; and such charges as are hereinafter described are hereby levied and assessed, as hereinafter provided:

For each defined customer class, monthly water rates and charges shall be based on metered water consumption in units of measure of one thousand (1,000) gallons (Table 2 and Table 3) with the exception of the minimum fee of two thousand (2,000) gallons as described in (Table 1) scheduled for annual adjustments beginning on October 1, 2019, and every year that follows up through October 2014 1, 2022. Thereafter, a two (2) three (3) percent increase on all minimum charges and volumetric rates shall be implemented for all active water meters.

Water rates also include a fixed monthly water demand fee based on meter size as described in Table 4. This fee is applicable to irrigation, fire hydrant, agriculture, industrial and temporary construction meters.

Meter Sized Based Minimum Monthly Water Charges for Metered Consumption from Zero (0) to two Thousand (2,000) gallons

TABLE 1 MINIMUM CHARGES

	Effective:				
	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
Residential-					
%" & %" Meter	\$9.82	\$10.02	\$10.22	\$10.42	2% -
1" Meter	\$21.38	\$21.81	\$22.25	\$22.70	2% -
1½" Meter	\$30.24	\$30.84	\$31.46	\$32.09	2% -
2" Meter	\$46.96	\$47.90	\$48.86	\$49.84	2%
Commercial					
%" & %" Meter	\$36.99	\$37.73	\$38.48	\$39.25	2% -
1" Meter	\$40.18	\$40.98	\$41.80	\$42.64	2%-
1½" Meter	\$44.69	\$45.58	\$46.49	\$47.42	2% -
2" Meter	\$61.67	\$62.90	\$64.16	\$65.44	2%-
3" Meter	\$122.69	\$125.14	\$127.64	\$130.19	2% -
4" Meter	\$185.29	\$189.00	\$192.78	\$196.64	2% -
6" Meter	\$333.71	\$340.38	\$347.19	\$354.13	2% -
8" Meter	\$491.88	\$501.72	\$511.75	\$521.99	2%-

	Effective:					
	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2022	10/2023 & Thereafter Annual % Increase
Residential						
5/8" & 3/4" Meter	\$10.02	\$10.52	\$11.05	\$11.60	\$12.18	3%
1" Meter	\$21.81	\$22.90	\$24.04	\$25.24	\$26.51	3%
1½" Meter	\$30.24	\$32.39	\$34.01	\$35.71	\$37.50	3%
2" Meter	\$46.96	\$50.30	\$52.81	\$55.45	\$58.22	3%
Commercial/Multifamily						
%" & ¾" Meter	\$37.73	\$39.61	\$41.59	\$43.67	\$45.85	3%

<u>1" Meter</u>	<u>\$40.98</u>	\$43.0 <u>3</u>	\$45.18	<u>\$47.44</u>	<u>\$49.81</u>	<u>3%</u>
1½" Meter	<u>\$48.58</u>	<u>\$47.86</u>	<u>\$50.25</u>	<u>\$52.76</u>	<u>\$55.40</u>	<u>3%</u>
2" Meter	<u>\$82.90</u>	<u>\$66.08</u>	<u>\$69.38</u>	<u>\$72.85</u>	<u>\$76.50</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>3" Meter</u>	<u>\$125.14</u>	<u>\$131.40</u>	<u>\$137.97</u>	<u>\$144.86</u>	<u>\$152.11</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>4" Meter</u>	<u>\$189.00</u>	<u>\$198.45</u>	<u>\$208.37</u>	<u>\$218.79</u>	<u>\$229.73</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>6" Meter</u>	<u>\$340.38</u>	<u>\$357.41</u>	\$375.28	<u>\$394.04</u>	\$413.74	<u>3%</u>
<u>8" Meter</u>	<u>\$501.72</u>	<u>\$526.81</u>	<u>\$553.15</u>	<u>\$580.81</u>	<u>\$609.85</u>	<u>3%</u>

Customer Class Based Volumetric Monthly Water Rates for Metered Consumption greater than two thousand (2,000) Gallons

TABLE 2 RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES

Begin- Gallons	End- Gallons-	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020-	10/2021 & Forward- Annual- % Increase-
2,001	4,000	\$1.92	\$1.96	\$2.00	\$2.04	2%
4 ,001	10,000	\$2.05 -	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17-	2%
10,001	20,000	\$2.12	\$2.16	\$2.20	\$2.24	2%
20,001	30,000	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$2.35	\$2.40	2%
30,001	40,000	\$2.40	\$2.45	\$2.50	\$2.55 -	2%
40,001	50,000	\$2.51	\$2.56 -	\$2.61	\$2.66	2%
50,001	Greater	\$5.00	\$5.10	\$5.20	\$5.30	2%

Begin Gallons	End Gallons	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2022	10/2023 & Thereafter Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	\$1.96	\$2.05	<u>\$2.16</u>	<u>\$2.26</u>	\$2.38	3%
4,001	10,000	\$2.09	\$2.20	<u>\$2.31</u>	<u>\$2.42</u>	<u>\$2.54</u>	3%
10,001	20,000	<u>\$2.16</u>	\$2.27	<u>\$2.39</u>	<u>\$2.51</u>	\$2.63	3%
20,001	30,000	\$2.30	<u>\$2.41</u>	\$2.53	<u>\$2.66</u>	<u>\$2.79</u>	3%
30,001	40,000	<u>\$2.45</u>	\$2.57	<u>\$2.70</u>	\$2.83	\$2.97	3%
40,001	50,000	<u>\$2.56</u>	<u>\$2.69</u>	<u>\$2.82</u>	<u>\$2.96</u>	<u>\$3.11</u>	3%
50,001	<u>Greater</u>	<u>\$5.10</u>	<u>\$5.35</u>	<u>\$5.62</u>	<u>\$5.90</u>	\$6.20	<u>3%</u>

TABLE 3
COMMERCIAL/MULTIFAMILY WATER RATES

Begin- Gallons-	End- Gallons-	Oct. 2017	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	10/2021 & Forward Annual % Increase
2,001	4,000	\$2.05 -	\$2.09	\$2.13	\$2.17	2%
4,001	10,000	\$2.52	\$2.57	\$2.62	\$2.67	2%
10,001	40,000	\$3.17	\$3.23 -	\$3.29 -	\$3.36	2%
40,001	150,000	\$3.35	\$3.42	\$3.49	\$3.56 -	2% -
150,001	300,000	\$3.62	\$3.69	\$3.76	\$3.84	2% -
300,001	600,000	\$4.00 -	\$4.08	\$4.16	\$4.24	2% -
600,001	1,000,000	\$4.72	\$4.81	\$4.91	\$5.01	2% -
1,000,001	Greater-	\$4.83	\$4.93	\$5.03 -	\$5.13	2%-

Begin Gallons	<u>End</u> <u>Gallons</u>	Oct. 2018	Oct. 2019	Oct. 2020	Oct. 2021	Oct. 2022	10/2023 & Thereafter Annual % Increase
<u>2,001</u>	4,000	<u>\$2.09</u>	<u>\$ 2.51</u>	<u>\$2.63</u>	<u>\$2.77</u>	<u>\$2.90</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>4,001</u>	10,000	\$2.57	\$3. <u>08</u>	<u>\$3.24</u>	<u>\$3.40</u>	<u>\$3.57</u>	<u>3%</u>
10,001	40,000	<u>\$3.23</u>	<u>\$3.88</u>	<u>\$4.08</u>	<u>\$4.28</u>	<u>\$4.49</u>	<u>3%</u>
40,001	<u>150,000</u>	<u>\$3.42</u>	\$4.10	<u>\$4.30</u>	<u>\$4.51</u>	<u>\$4.74</u>	<u>3%</u>
<u>150,001</u>	300,000	<u>\$3.69</u>	<u>\$4.43</u>	<u>\$4.65</u>	\$4.8 <u>9</u>	<u>\$5.13</u>	<u>3%</u>
300,001	600,000	<u>\$4.08</u>	<u>\$4.89</u>	<u>\$5.14</u>	<u>\$5.40</u>	<u>\$5.67</u>	<u>3%</u>
600,001	1,000,000	<u>\$4.81</u>	<u>\$5.78</u>	<u>\$6.07</u>	<u>\$6.37</u>	<u>\$6.69</u>	<u>3%</u>
1,000,001	<u>Greater</u>	<u>\$4.93</u>	<u>\$5.92</u>	<u>\$6.21</u>	<u>\$6.52</u>	<u>\$6.85</u>	<u>3%</u>

TABLE 4. WATER DEMAND FEES

Meter size in inches	Proposed fixed fees/month
% and ¾	\$1.00
1 and 1 ½	\$2.00
2	\$6.00

3	\$8.00
4	\$15.00
6 and 8	\$50.00

Sec. 31-141. - Water availability.

Water availability charges applicable to all platted property.

- (a) Lot charges. In addition to all other charges provided for herein and in addition to all requirements of the subdivision ordinance or other ordinances regulating the subdivision or platting of land, there shall be an additional charge for the creation of every new lot as set forth below:
 - (1) Residential lots:
 - a. For each lot that is under 6,000 square feet \$ 300.00
 - b. For each lot that is 6,000 to 8,000 square feet 500.00
 - c. For each lot that is 8,001 to 9,999 square feet 1,500.00
 - d. For each lot that is 10,000 square feet and over 2,000.00
 - (2) Nonresidential lots (commercial lots):
 - a. For each and every lot created which is less than one (1) acre, the equivalent of one-third (1/3) acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot 1,000.00
 - b. For every lot which is greater than one (1) acre (any fractional acreage within such lot shall incur a proportionate charge), the equivalent of one-half (½) acre-feet of municipal use water right, per acre 1.500.00
 - c. For every lot regardless of size created by a replat that has been previously paid under subsection 1. or 2. above, the equivalent of one-half (½) acre-feet of municipal use water right, per lot 1,500.00
- (b) Connection charges. For each connection to the water system or increase in meter size, the following charges will be collected at the time of connection, as shown below, except for a five-eighths (5/8) and three-fourths (3/4) meter connection to a lot of record as defined in section 24-61(b)(59)(ii) of the zoning ordinance, for which there shall be no charge.
 - (1) Residential lots \$300.00

Residential lots at the Colonias will be charged a \$450.00 water connection fee. Water LUEs will be charged in accordance with Ordinance No. 2011-O-019 or any amendments to this ordinance.

- (2) Multifamily will be charged as two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per unit. Any lot created as multifamily use requires the installation of a master meter with backflow preventer for all the units. Any individual meter/unit request will be reviewed by the utilities director on case by case basis and may be approved by the city manager Utilities Director.
- (3) Nonresidential lots (commercial lots) excluding multifamily will have a connection fee based on the meter size:

Size of meter in inches:

3/4" \$ 500.00

1" 1,000.00

1 ½" 2,000.00

2 4,000.00

3 8.000.00

4 16,000.00

6 & 8 40,000.00

- (c) Excluded from the water availability charge are any lot or lots created prior to September 9, 1979, by a subdivision or a resubdivision of land described by metes and bounds contained in an instrument of grant or conveyance legally executed, duly acknowledged and properly recorded at the county deeds records office, and filed on September 9, 1979, or afterwards within thirty (30) days from such date, which date is the publication date of the public notice printed on page 12A of the Laredo Times at the direction of the planning and zoning commission; and upon proof thereof to the appropriate city official or officials, such lot or lots shall be excluded from the water availability charge.
- (d) Prohibit the use of water rights to pay capital improvement contribution fees.
- (e) The city council hereby ratifies, adopts and approves the water availability charge as passed and approved by the waterworks board at its regular meeting of August 17, 1983.
- (f) Funds collected for water availability, connection charges, and water demand fees shall be allocated to a "water availability fund" in the city's annual budget and shall be used to purchase water, groundwater, or water rights and/or finance studies, secondary water supply and pilot programs which tend to diversify and augment the water supply.

Section 2. Severability.

If any word, phrase, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall remain in effect as if the unconstitutional or invalid portion had not been adopted.

Section 3. Repeal law in conflict.

All ordinances and resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Publication.

This Ordinance shall be published according to Section 2.09 (D) of the Charter of the City of Laredo.

Section 5. Effective date.

This Ordinance shall take effect as of October 1, 2019, pursuant to the City Charter, Section 2.09 (B).

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS THE G DAY OF MAYOR

ATTEST:

JOSE A. VALDEZ, Jr.
CITY SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

KRISTINA LAUREL HALE

CITY ATTORNEY

Final Reading of Ordinances 28.

City Council-Regular

Meeting Date: 05/06/2019

Initiated By: Robert A. Eads, Co-Interim City Manager

Initiated By: Riazul Mia, P.E., Utilities Director

Staff Source: Michael F. Rodgers, Assistant Utilities Director

SUBJECT

2019-O-071 amending Chapter 31, Article III, Division 3, Section 31-138 by increasing the water rates as follows: Residential base minimum charge and volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent effective each year from October 1, 2019 through October 1, 2022; and Commercial base minimum charge adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent and the volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to twenty (20) percent for one (1) year effective October 1, 2019, and then both the Commercial base minimum charge and volume water rates adjustment from two (2) percent to five (5) percent each year from October 1, 2020 through October 1, 2022, and then to an annual adjustment from two (2) percent to three (3) percent for all customer classes each October 1st thereafter as shown in Tables 1 and 2; and also amending section 31-141(b)(2) by deleting approval by the City Manager; providing for publication and an effective date.

VENDOR INFORMATION FOR COMMITTEE AGENDA

N/A

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

On April 15, 2019 after Public Hearing and Introductory Ordinance Reading, City Council approved a motion to adopt an Ordinance with water rate increases as described and shown in the Ordinance.

Previously, on April 4, 2019 City Council approved a motion to adopt the water and sewer rate adjustments as presented and recommended by Mr. Dan Jackson of Willdan Financial Services, Inc.

BACKGROUND

The City of Laredo continues to grow and the City's water and wastewater systems must expand to meet the needs of future development. A large investment is required to pay for capital improvements needed for water and wastewater infrastructure projects.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends approval of ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

Fiscal Year:

2019

Bugeted Y/N?:

Source of Funds:

Account #:

Change Order: Exceeds 25% Y/N:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Additional revenues are to fund required water infrastructure improvements.

Attachments

2019-0-071

CITY OF LAREDO, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

In regard to the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Laredo, as mandated, has reserved 15 percent of its FY 2018 HOME Entitlement Grant (\$176,769) for investment in housing to be developed, sponsored, or owned by a local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

Funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. Proposals will be scored in accordance with specified procedures outlined in the City of Laredo's HOME Program Policy and Procedures Manual. Considered will be the proposed project's compliance with the housing priorities identified in the City's 2015 Five Year Consolidated Plan; the projects creativity and direct benefit to families/individuals of very low to low income levels; the CHDO'S administrative budget and proposed leveraging of funds for the project; the past performance of the CHDO; and other related requirements.

Local Community Housing Development Organizations interested in receiving funding through the HOME Investment Partnership Program are invited to submit individual proposals for the 2018 funds.

> A request for proposal packages may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Arturo Garcia Director Department of Community Development Transit Cente 1301 Farragut, 3rd Floor, East Wing Laredo, Texas 78040

Proposals must be submitted to the City Secretary Department, at the City Hall Building

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-O-067 AMENDING ZONING THE ORDINANCE (MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING ALL THAT PART OF BLOCK 2019. EASTERN DIVISION, LOCATED AT 3203 CHACON ST., FROM (COMMUNITY BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO (LIGHT MANUFACTURING DISTRICT): PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE. L-43

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ORDINANCE NO. 2019-O-069

AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE

(MAP) OF THE CITY OF LAREDO BY REZONING APPROXIMATE 2.067

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