ORDINANCE NO. 2015-17

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BASTROP CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A, FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE A13.02 "WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AND CHARGES"; REPEALING CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, as a result of study and evaluation undertaken by the City of Bastrop, Texas, the City Council has determined that aging municipal water and wastewater infrastructure exists in some areas of the Bastrop community, with the majority of such infrastructure generally located in the central portions of the City, and further, that portions of the City's aging infrastructure does/will need to be updated and/or replaced in order to increase service reliability to the City's customers, as well as to improve the appearance and taste of water provided to the public; and

WHEREAS, after careful engineering and technical analysis, the City has determined that, due to increased demands resulting from population growth within the City, there is a potential that both the City's water and wastewater facilities and related infrastructure may not have the capacity to adequately handle the current or future demands for water and wastewater service placed upon such facilities and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that the City's past and present water and wastewater rates have not kept pace with the escalating funding requirements that are necessary for the City to provide routine and necessary water and wastewater infrastructure and facility upgrades and replacements; and

WHEREAS, projected City growth indicates a near-future need for construction and installation of new water and wastewater facilities and related infrastructure, which need is reflected and discussed in detail in the "City of Bastrop's Five Year Capital Improvements Program, dated April 15, 2014"; and

WHEREAS, in order to address these critical needs, City Staff and the City's professional consultants have developed a multi-year program to finance the needed water and wastewater facility and infrastructure improvements, with the objectives of providing for the health, safety and welfare of Bastrop's citizens and providing for the orderly and equitable funding of these utility improvements which are necessary for the ongoing and future provision of water and wastewater services to the citizens of Bastrop; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Bastrop, Texas has determined that in order to continue the approved Capital Improvement Program and to

properly provide water and wastewater service within the City, it is necessary to amend the City Code of Ordinances Chapter 13, and Appendix A: Fee Schedule Article A13.02 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges, as noted below.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

PART 1: That Appendix A: of the Code of Ordinances, entitled Fee Schedule Article A13.02 "Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges", shall be amended as follows:

ARTICLE A13.02 Water and Wastewater Rates and Charges

Sec. A13.02.002 Wastewater Service Charges

(a) These rates are applicable to all residential, multifamily and commercial retail wastewater customers within the corporate limits of the city who have metered water connections and to whom city wastewater service has actually been connected, except for customers who have a city approved, on-site sewer system, septic system or other on-site wastewater system, and have not connected to the city's wastewater system, or customers who have a water meter for irrigation use only, as long as the irrigation meter does not provide water to plumbing fixtures.

Minimum Charge:	$ 26.97

Plus the following charges for consumption per 1,000 gallons:

0–5,000 gallons	$ 2.45
5,001–10,000 gallons	$ 2.77
10,001–20,000 gallons	$ 2.95
20,001–50,000 gallons	$ 3.18
Over 50,000 gallons	$ 3.47

Sec. A13.02.004 Water Service Charges

These rates will be applicable to all sales or service of water within the corporate limits of the city.

(1) Residential - In city limits.

Meter Size	Minimum Charge
3/4" (or smaller)	$ 27.72
1"	$ 47.13
1-1/2"	$ 79.47
2"	$ 118.28
3"	$ 221.78
4"	$ 255.07
6"	$ 661.68

Plus the following charges for consumption per 1,000 gallons:

0–3,000 gallons	$ 2.85
3,001–5,000 gallons	$ 3.04
5,001–10,000 gallons	$ 3.22
10,001–20,000 gallons	$ 3.42
20,001–50,000 gallons	$ 3.69
Over 50,000 gallons	$ 3.87

Commercial - In city limits.

Meter Size	Minimum Charge
3/4" (or smaller)	$ 27.72
1"	$ 47.13
1-1/2"	$ 79.47
2"	$ 118.28
3"	$ 221.78
4"	$ 255.07
6"	$ 661.68

Plus the following charges for consumption per 1,000 gallons:

0–3,000 gallons	$ 2.85
3,001–5,000 gallons	$ 3.04
5,001–10,000 gallons	$ 3.22
10,001–20,000 gallons	$ 3.42
20,001–50,000 gallons	$ 3.69
Over 50,000 gallons	$ 3.87

(2) Residential and Commercial - Outside city limits.

Meter Size	Minimum Charge
3/4" (or smaller)	$ 41.59
1"	$ 70.69
1-1/2"	$ 119.22
2"	$ 177.43
3"	$ 332.68
4"	$ 507.34
6"	$ 992.48

Plus the following charges for consumption per 1,000 gallons:

0–3,000 gallons	$ 4.13
3,001–5,000 gallons	$ 4.42
5,001–10,000 gallons	$ 4.70
10,001–20,000 gallons	$ 4.98
20,001–50,000 gallons	$ 5.39
Over 50,000 gallons	$ 5.66

Sec. A13.02.011 Acceptance and treatment of wastes from on-site sewage facilities or septic systems.

[No change in (d)].

(e) Wastewater treatment plant septic unloading fees.

Gallons	Rates
0–1,000	$ 64.69
1,001–1,500	$ 97.03
1,501–2,000	$ 129.38
2,001–2,500	$ 161.73
2,501–3,000	$ 194.06
3,001–3,500	$ 226.41
3,501–4,000	$ 258.76
4,001–4,500	$ 291.10
4,501–5,000	$ 323.44
5,001–5,500	$ 355.79
5,501–6,000	$ 388.14
6,001–6,500	$ 420.48
6,501–7,000	$ 452.81
7,001–7,500	$ 485.17
7,501–8,000	$ 517.51
8,001–8,500	$ 549.84
8,501–9,000	$ 582.20
9,001–9,500	$ 614.54
9,501–10,000	$ 646.89

PART 2: If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, or application thereof, of this Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

PART 3: That all ordinances, resolutions and orders heretofore passed, adopted and made, or any part of the same, affecting rates and charges for residential and commercial electric rates of the City of Bastrop, which are in conflict with this Ordinance, shall be, and the same are hereby, in all things repealed to the extent that the same conflict with this Ordinance, or with the laws of the State of Texas. All provisions not amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.

PART 4: The changes noted in this Ordinance shall become effective during the first municipal utility billing cycle in November in accordance with the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, and the laws of State of Texas.

READ and APPROVED on First Reading on the 8th day of September, 2015

READ and ADOPTED on Second Reading on the 22nd day of September, 2015

APPROVED:

By: Ken Kesselus, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: Ann Franklin, City Secretary