

ORDINANCE NO. 1857

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 “FEES,” SECTION 30-34, “WATER DEPOSITS,” SECTION 30-35 “WATER AND SEWER SERVICE—MONTHLY RATES,” SECTION 30-37 “MONITORED GROUP CLASS,” SECTION 30-38, “MISCELLANEOUS FEES,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EULESS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Eules, Texas, purchases water from the Trinity River Authority and sends wastewater to the Trinity River Authority for treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Trinity River Authority periodically raises the rate it charges the user cities for these services; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board’s Best Management Practices for Water Utilities discourages the inefficient use or waste of water; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Water Development Board’s Best Management Practices for Water Utilities encourages water conservation through the adoption of conservation pricing structures which include increasing unit pricing with increased consumption, base rates, and excess use rates; and

WHEREAS, the City of Eules, Texas, finds it necessary to adjust the rates charged to the consumers and encourage water conservation:

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

SECTION 1

THAT Chapter 30, “Fees”, Section 30-34, “Water deposits”, is amended to reflect the change in fee for the following item:

Section 30-34. Water deposits.

Failure to return fire hydrant meter for reading \$ 250.00

SECTION 2

THAT Chapter 30, “Fees”, Section 30-35, “Water and Sewer Service-----Monthly Rates”, be amended to hereafter be and read in its entirety as follows:

Section 30-35. Water and Wastewater service – monthly rates.

The schedule of monthly rates and charges for water and wastewater services furnished or caused to be furnished by the City is as follows:

Water service – Meter Charge. The monthly minimum charge shall be based on meter size as follows:

<u>METER SIZE (INCHES)</u>	<u>MONTHLY CHARGE</u>
5/8 – 3/4*	\$ 7.75
1	\$ 9.06
1 1/2	\$ 12.69
2	\$ 21.03
3	\$ 42.78
4	\$ 75.40
5	\$ 118.90
6	\$ 169.65

*All residential living units and multi-family living units shall be billed a monthly base charge equivalent to the monthly charge for a 5/8-inch meter.

Water service – Volume Charge per 1,000 gallons. The monthly volume charge for water service is as follows:

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Irrigation</u>
(1) 0 – 2,000 gallons	\$ 2.27 per 1,000/gallons	\$ 3.41 per 1,000/gallons
3,000 – 8,000 gallons	\$ 3.09 per 1,000/gallons	\$ 3.41 per 1,000/gallons
9,000 – 15,000 gallons	\$ 3.64 per 1,000/gallons	\$ 3.64 per 1,000/gallons
16,000 – 35,000 gallons	\$ 3.97 per 1,000/gallons	\$ 3.97 per 1,000/gallons
Over 35,000 gallons	\$ 4.50 per 1,000/gallons	\$ 4.50 per 1,000/gallons

(2) Commercial, Industrial and Multi-family: All consumption, \$3.41 per 1,000 gallons.

(3) Fire Hydrant and Gas Well Meters: All consumption, \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons.

(4) Supplemental Irrigation: All consumption, \$5.12 per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater Service – Residential. The wastewater service charge for residential customers shall be based on 90 percent of metered water. Wastewater service charges on 90 percent metered water shall not exceed 12,000 gallons per billing period per living unit. The monthly minimum per living unit shall be as follows:

(1) Within corporate limits, \$6.00, plus \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons of 90 percent of metered water.

- (2) Outside corporate limits, \$10.50, plus \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons of 90 percent of metered water.

Wastewater Service – Commercial and Industrial. Commercial and industrial wastewater charges shall be based on 100 percent of metered water. The monthly minimum shall be as follows:

- (1) Within corporate limits, \$6.00, plus \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.
- (2) Outside corporate limits, \$10.50, plus \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

The following provisions apply to all commercial and industrial customers:

- (1) Customers who show proof that a significant portion of metered water does not enter the wastewater system shall not be billed for that portion that does not enter the wastewater system.
- (2) Monitored group class customers shall be billed according to section 86-51 of this Code.
- (3) Industrial cost recovery group customers shall be billed according to section 86-51 of this code plus the additional charges in section 86-52 as required.

Water service – Other: Water service for municipally owned property and buildings that are part of or connected to form a parcel of at least a minimum of 50 acres shall be \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons.

Wastewater service – Other: Wastewater service for all club houses, convention facilities, and restaurants on municipally owned property of a minimum of 50 acres shall be billed at the current city rate of \$6.00 plus \$2.53 per 1,000 gallons of metered water.

The above rates are based upon total costs to the City to operate the system including, but not limited to, cost to purchase treated water from the Trinity River Authority of Texas, cost of wastewater treatment by the Trinity River Authority of Texas, and cost of distribution of water and collection of wastewater by the City. The minimum charge and/or volume charge may be adjusted by the City Council from time to time.

Master Deposit. Customers may place a master deposit with the city in the amount of twice the current residential deposit. This deposit will be held on file until the customer request it be refunded. Customers must request service starts and disconnects in writing. All accounts will be charged the current service initiation fees plus sanitation fees in advance on the first billing. No master deposits are allowed on commercial accounts.

SECTION 3

THAT Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-37, "Monitored Group Class", be amended to hereafter be and read in its entirety as follows:

Section 30-37. Monitored group class.

Customer monthly service charge.	\$ 6.00
Volume charge per 1,000 gallons BOD.	\$ 2.53
Strength charge, per pound of BOD,	\$ 0.06063
Suspended solids strength charge, per pound of suspended solids	\$ 0.05741
Monitoring charge. 100% of cost to city.	

SECTION 4

THAT Chapter 30, "Fees", Section 30-38, "Miscellaneous Fees", be hereby amended to reflect the change in fee for the following item:

Sec. 30-38. Miscellaneous fees.

Returned check	\$35.00
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SAVING CLAUSE. That applicable chapters of the Code of Ordinances, City of Euless, Texas, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. That it is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this ordinance are severable, and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of this ordinance, since the same would have been enacted by the City Council without the incorporation in this ordinance of any such invalid or unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage with billing cycles beginning on or after October 1, 2009, and publication as provided by the Euless City Charter and the laws of the State of Texas.

PRESENTED AND APPROVED ON FIRST AND FINAL READING on the 25th day of August, 2009, at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Euless, Texas, by a vote of _____ ayes, _____ nays, and _____ abstentions.

APPROVED:

Mary Lib Saleh, Mayor

ATTEST:

Susan Crim, TRMC, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bob McFarland, City Attorney