

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A OF THE AZLE MUNICIPAL CODE (2023), AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AZLE; PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE CUMULATIVE OF ALL ORDINANCES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Azle is a home rule city acting under its charter adopted by the electorate pursuant to Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 9 of the Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, the City of Azle heretofore adopted water and sewer rates applicable to customers both within and outside the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now deems it necessary to establish the base rates for water and sewer service.

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

SECTION 1

A. That Appendix A of the Azle Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Section A6.007 "Water Rates", Subsection (a) "Within city limits", Subsection (1) to read as follows:

- (1) A minimum monthly service charge shall be made each month or fraction thereof for water service within the city limits. The minimum charge shall be based on the size of the meter. The minimum charge shall be evaluated to insure adequacy prior to the start of each fiscal year based on the projected budgeted amount of the following fixed costs: annual water-related debt service, utility (electric, gas, water and sewer) costs, water system insurance costs, TCEQ fees, raw water costs, and administrative costs. Once evaluated and determined to be adequate, the minimum charge shall be approved by ordinance in conjunction with the adoption of the City's annual budget. The following minimum charge is established for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial
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5/8 x 3/4"	\$25.95	\$31.40
1"	\$37.63	\$45.15
1 1/2"	\$55.53	\$66.64
2"	\$76.81	\$92.17
3"	\$179.06	\$214.87
4"	\$302.06	\$362.47
6"	\$510.48	\$612.57

B. That Appendix A of the Azle Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Section A6.007 "Water Rates", Subsection (b) "Outside city limits", Subsection (1) to read as follows:

- (1) The City Council, having found that the cost of supplying water services to customers outside the corporate limits of the City of Azle is greater than that of supplying its customers receiving services inside the corporate limits, therefore set the following rates for its residential and commercial customers outside the corporate limits. A minimum monthly service charge shall be made each month, or fraction thereof for water service outside the city limits. The minimum charge shall be based on the size of the meter. The minimum charge shall be evaluated to insure adequacy prior to the start of each fiscal year based on the projected budgeted amount of the following fixed costs: annual water related debt service, utility (electric, gas, water & sewer) costs, water system insurance costs, TCEQ fees, raw water costs, and administrative costs. Once evaluated and determined to be adequate, the minimum charge shall be approved by ordinance in conjunction with the adoption of the City's annual budget. The following minimum charge is established for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

Meter Size	Residential	Commercial
5/8 x 3/4"	\$38.93	\$46.71
1"	\$56.44	\$67.73

1 1/2"	\$83.30	\$99.96
2"	\$115.22	\$138.26
3"	\$268.58	\$332.30
4"	\$453.09	\$543.70
6"	\$765.72	\$918.85

C. That Appendix A of the Azle Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Section A6.008 "Sewer Rates", Subsection (a), to read as follows:

(a) The monthly charge for connection to the sanitary sewer system shall consist of a basic charge plus a usage charge based on the amount of water service consumed as set forth in subsections (b) and (c). The basic service charge shall be evaluated to insure adequacy prior to the start of each fiscal year based on the projected budgeted amount of the following fixed costs: annual sewer related debt service, utility (electric, gas, water & sewer) costs, TCEQ fees, sewer system insurance costs, and administrative costs. Once evaluated and determined to be adequate, the minimum charge shall be approved by ordinance in conjunction with the adoption of the City's annual budget. The following minimum charge is established for Fiscal Year 2023-2024:

- (1) Residential Rate: \$23.00
- (2) Commercial Rate: \$28.30

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall be cumulative of all provisions of ordinances and of the Code, as amended, except where the provisions of this ordinance are in direct conflict with the provisions of such ordinances and such Code, in which event the conflicting provisions of such ordinances and such Code are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

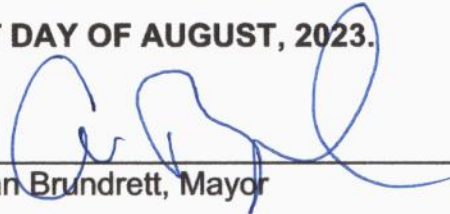
It is hereby declared to be the intention of the City Council that the phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs, and sections of this ordinance are severable, and if

any phrase, clause, sentence paragraph or section of this ordinance shall be declared unconstitutional by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such 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 unconstitutional phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section.

SECTION 4.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect on October 1, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 21ST DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.



Alan Brundrett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Yael Forgey, City Secretary