

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS,  
FIXING WATER RATES, CUSTOMER METER DEPOSITS  
AND POLICY FOR BILLING AND COLLECTION.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE,  
TEXAS:

Section 1. Water Rates.

That the water rates to be charged and collected by the City  
of Mesquite, Texas, from all customers obtaining service from  
said Waterworks System of said City, shall be and are hereby  
fixed as set forth below:

First 1,000 gallons (minimum monthly charge)	\$2.00			
Next 4,000 "	.....	.68	per 1000	gals.
" 5,000 "	.....	.58	" "	"
Over 10,000 "	.....	.53	" "	"

Section 2. Deposits for Service.

That a deposit shall be made at the time of making application  
for water service, the minimum amount of which shall be as  
follows:

Residential.....	\$10.00
Commercial.....	15.00
Industrial.....	Estimated 2 months consumption

Industrial customers whose deposit is calculated to be  
\$250 or larger may elect to place a Surety Bond with the City  
in lieu of a Cash Bond; said surety company must be authorized  
to do business in the State of Texas, County of Dallas.

(a) Additional Deposits - Residential

When and if it is found that the deposit required and  
as collected according to the above schedule is not  
sufficient to protect the City from losses, and it  
becomes necessary to disconnect service to any customer  
because of non-payment of his water charge, the City  
shall require an additional deposit of \$5.00, up to a  
maximum deposit of \$50.00, before water service is re-  
connected.

(b) Additional Deposits - Commercial

When and if it is found that the deposit required and as  
collected according to the above schedule is not sufficient  
to protect the City from losses, and it becomes necessary

to disconnect service to any customer because of non-payment of his water charge, the City shall require an additional deposit of \$7.50, up to a maximum deposit of \$75, before water service is re-connected.

Section 3. Billing and Collecting Procedure


The meter for each water customer shall be read monthly, and the customer shall be billed for the water used since the last previous meter reading. There shall be a period of ten (10) days from the billing date within which time the customer may pay the actual (net) amount of his bill.

If the bill is not paid by the due date as set out on the face of the bill, a penalty of ten (10) percent is added, and the gross amount is then due. Should any customer's bill remain unpaid on the billing date for the next months bill, the unpaid amount will appear on the bill as being in "previous balance." The customer shall receive a written notice stating that the total amount of the bill (shown as net amount) shall be due and payable within five (5) days from the date of the notice, and that if not paid within said five (5) days, water service shall be disconnected.

If water service is disconnected, the customer shall pay the appropriate re-connect charge, his total bill due, and in addition he must make an additional deposit as set out in paragraph (a) or (b) above.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage at this meeting and all other ordinances and resolutions and parts thereof in conflict with any part of this ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20th day of April, 1970.

  
George Boyce  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
Norma G. McGaughy  
City Secretary