

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE BY DELETING SECTION 16-1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16-1 THEREBY AMENDING THE RATES CHARGED FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 1, 2004, AS THE DATE SUCH RATES BECOME EFFECTIVE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Mesquite is hereby amended by deleting Section 16-1 in its entirety and adding a new Section 16-1 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

CHAPTER 16

ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 16-1. Water rates.

The water rates to be charged and collected by the City from all customers obtaining service from the waterworks system of the City shall be and are hereby fixed as set forth below:

Residential water rates

Minimum – 1,000 gallons (minimum monthly charge).....	\$4.65
All over 1,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons.....	\$2.75

Commercial and industrial water rates

Minimum – 1,000 gallons.....	\$4.65
All over 1,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons.....	\$2.75

Apartment water rates

Minimum – 1,000 gallons.....	\$3.50
All over 1,000 gallons per 1,000 gallons.....	\$2.75

Apartment complexes with more than one unit are billed by dividing the total number of gallons consumed by the number of units in the apartment complex and computing the bill as though each unit was a separate residence using the average number of gallons.

SECTION 2. That the rates adopted by this ordinance shall be effective from and after October 1, 2004.

SECTION 3. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.


SECTION 5. That the present water rates charged for services provided by the City of Mesquite are inadequate requires the adoption of new rates and creates an urgency and an emergency for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and requires that this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after the effective date provided herein and publication of said ordinance, as the law in such cases provides.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 20th day of September, 2004.



Mike Anderson
Mayor

ATTEST:


Judy Womack
City Secretary

APPROVED:


B. J. Smith
City Attorney