

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTION 16-1 IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16-1 THEREBY AMENDING THE APARTMENTS WATER RATES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE WATER DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite (“City”) implemented a new water rate structure for all customer types effective November 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, after processing the first bill cycles on the new rate structure, it became obvious that the rate design was having a disproportionate impact on apartment complexes; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that that the appropriate minimum bill amount to charge each single apartment unit within an apartment complex should be \$11.00 per month; and

WHEREAS, the City will process adjustments for the November water bills for each apartment complex based on the proposed change; and

WHEREAS, the adjustments will be applied to the December water bills for each apartment complex.

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, Texas, as amended, 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:

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 and Commercial Water Rates – Minimum Bill

0.625 inch meter	\$11.00
1.000 inch meter	\$15.00
1.500 inch meter	\$20.00
2.000 inch meter	\$25.00
3.000 inch meter	\$30.00
4.000 inch meter	\$35.00
6.000 inch meter	\$40.00

Apartments Water Rates – Minimum Bill

The minimum bill amount for apartment complexes is \$11.00 multiplied by the number of units on each metered account.

Volumetric Rates

0 – 1,000 Gallons	\$0.00
1,001 – 2,000 Gallons	\$4.65
2,001 – 5,000 Gallons	\$4.65
5,001 – 10,000 Gallons	\$5.00
10,001 – 50,000 Gallons	\$5.25
50,001 – 70,000 Gallons	\$5.50
70,001 – 500,000 Gallons	\$5.75
Over 500,000 Gallons	\$4.75

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.

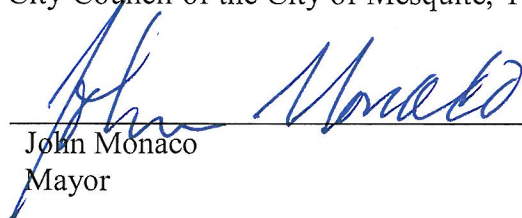
City of Mesquite Water Rates

City of Mesquite water accounts shall be charged for all consumption in excess of 1,000 gallons at the same rate that the City pays North Texas Municipal Water District per 1,000 gallons.

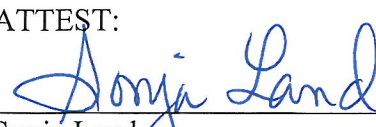
SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. 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.

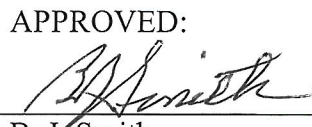
DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 5th day of January, 2015.



 John Monaco
 Mayor

ATTEST:


 Sonja Land
 City Secretary

APPROVED:


 B. J. Smith
 City Attorney