

ORDINANCE NO. 5141

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING THE MESQUITE CITY CODE BY REVISING APPENDIX D – COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE, ARTICLE XV (WATER AND SEWER), FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE CITY’S WATER AND SEWER RATES; PROVIDING A CONFLICTS RESOLUTION CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City Council**”), to protect the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this ordinance is to amend Article XV (Water and Sewer) of the Comprehensive Fee Schedule to update certain water and sewer fees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council reviews the City’s Comprehensive Fee Schedule annually to ensure the City’s fees are sufficient to cover costs for City services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds, determines, and declares that certain fees are necessary to provide for efficient government services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that the current fees in Article XV (Water and Sewer) are insufficient to cover the costs of the respective services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to adopt fees necessary for the City to provide good and efficient government for the benefit of the citizens of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mesquite, Texas (“**City**”), is a home-rule municipality acting under its Charter adopted, and amended, by the electorate pursuant to Article 11, [Section 5](#) of the Texas Constitution and [Chapter 9](#) of the Texas Local Government Code; and

WHEREAS, a home-rule municipality has full power of local self-government, pursuant to Texas Local Government Code, Title 2, Subtitle D, Chapter 51, [Section 51.072\(a\)](#); and

WHEREAS, upon full review and consideration of all matters attendant and related thereto, the City Council is of the opinion this ordinance should be approved and adopted.

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

SECTION 1. Recitals Incorporated.

The City Council hereby finds and determines the recitals made in the preamble of this ordinance are true and correct, and hereby incorporates such recitals here in the body of this ordinance as if copied in their entirety.

SECTION 2. Mesquite City Code Text Amendment.

Amending Article XV (Water and Sewer) of Appendix D – Comprehensive Fee Schedule.

The Mesquite City Code is hereby amended as identified in **EXHIBIT A**, and shown as new in **EXHIBIT B**, and said exhibits are attached hereto and made a part hereof, and in all other respects, said Code, Chapters, and Articles shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. Conflicts Resolution Clause.

In the event of an irreconcilable conflict between the provisions of another previously adopted ordinance of the City of Mesquite and the provisions of this Ordinance, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be controlling.

SECTION 4. Severability Clause.

Should any word, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be void or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of said ordinance and the Mesquite City Code, as hereby or previously amended, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. Effective Date.

That this ordinance shall become effective as of November 1, 2024.

DULY PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, ON THE 7th DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.

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Daniel Aleman Jr.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

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David L. Paschall

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City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

To Ordinance No. 5141

City of Mesquite, Texas

MESQUITE CITY CODE
APPENDIX D – COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE

MARK-UP TO
ARTICLE XV – Water and Sewer

MESQUITE CITY CODE

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APPENDIX D – COMPREHENSIVE FEE SCHEDULE

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ARTICLE XV. WATER AND SEWER

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[Editor's Note: Make the following revisions with additions identified in green font and underlined, and deletions identified in ~~red font with strikethrough~~.]

Sec. 15-100. Mesquite water service charges.

Residential and commercial (minimum bill by meter type):

- 0.625 inch meter — ~~\$17.68~~ \$18.91
- 1.000 inch meter — ~~\$24.57~~ \$26.29
- 1.500 inch meter — ~~\$32.73~~ \$35.02
- 2.000 inch meter — ~~\$40.90~~ \$43.76
- 3.000 inch meter — ~~\$49.06~~ \$52.49
- 4.000 inch meter — ~~\$57.22~~ \$61.23
- 6.000 inch meter — ~~\$64.03~~ \$68.51

Residential and commercial (rate per 1,000 gallons):

- 0—1,000 gallons — \$0.00
- 1,001—5,000 gallons — ~~\$7.67~~ \$8.21
- 5,001—10,000 gallons — ~~\$8.26~~ \$8.84
- 10,001—50,000 gallons — ~~\$8.67~~ \$9.27
- 50,001—70,000 gallons — ~~\$9.07~~ \$9.71
- 70,001—500,000 gallons — ~~\$9.49~~ \$10.16
- Over 500,000 gallons — ~~\$7.85~~ \$8.40

Apartments (rate per unit per 1,000 gallons):

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- Over 500,000 gallons — ~~\$7.85~~ \$8.40

Credit card processing fee (shall not exceed) 5%

Deposits:

Residential deposit — \$100.00

Commercial deposit or three months' water bill, whichever is larger — \$35.00

Additional deposits:

Residential minimum deposit — \$10.00

Residential maximum deposit or three months' water bill, whichever is larger — \$75.00

Commercial minimum deposit — \$10.00

Commercial maximum deposit or three months' water bill, whichever is larger — \$75.00

Builder's deposit per residential house — \$5.00

Builder's deposit per commercial establishment — \$15.00

Fire hydrant meter and water sales deposit. — \$3,000.00

Fire hydrant meter tampering fee — \$250.00

Penalty income (% of bill) 10%

Reconnect fees:

7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday — \$25.00

After 6:00 p.m. or on weekends and holidays — \$50.00

Reconnect service fee — \$5.00

Unauthorized reconnect fee — \$10.00

Utility service transfer fee — \$10.00

Sale of bulk water — \$30.00

Water meters and meter boxes:

5/8-inch meter size (Meter—Radio Read) Neptune Mach10 V5 E-Coder R900i — ~~\$350.00~~ \$400.00

1-inch meter size (Meter—Radio Read) Neptune Mach 10 V5 E-Coder R900i — ~~\$400.00~~ \$485.00

1 ½-inch meter size (Meter—Radio Read) Neptune Mach 10 V5 E-Coder R900i — ~~\$610.00~~ \$885.00

2-inch meter size (Meter—Radio Read) Neptune Mach 10 V5 E-Coder R900i — ~~\$675.00~~ \$975.00

Greater than 2-inch meter sizes (Meter—Radio Read) Neptune Mach10 V5 (3-inch, 4-inch, 6-inch and 8-inch meters) Pricing available by quote

Meter box for 5/8" meter (Nominal 19-inch diameter cast iron ring and locking AMR with Mesquite Logo lid HDPE base enclosure with slot—DFW1814F1PSR with Lid DFW18AMR-1KF DEEP MQT-LID — ~~\$87.00~~ \$135.00

Meter box for 1", 1 ½" and 2" meters (Nominal 32—5/8-inch diameter cast iron ring and locking AMR with Mesquite Logo lid HDPE base enclosure with slot—DFW2818F1PSR with Lid DFW20AMRI-1KF DEEP MQT-LID — ~~\$300.00~~ \$420.00

Miscellaneous fittings — Cost + 20%

Water meter removal service charge — \$25.00

Removal of jumper service charge — \$50.00

City collection fee — \$100.00

EXHIBIT A TO ORDINANCE NO. 5141

Mesquite City Code, Appendix D – Comprehensive Fee Schedule, Article XV. Water and Sewer

City Council Meeting Date: October 7, 2024

Backflow inspections:

Per device per year — \$25.00

Inspector certification—One-time fee — \$100.00

(Ord. No. 4702, § 1(Exh. A), 8-19-19; Ord. No. 4723, § 1(Exh. A), 9-16-19; Ord. No. 4900, § 1(Exh. A), 9-20-21; Ord. No. 4914, § 2(Exh. B), 11-15-21; Ord. No. 4985, § 1(Exh. A), 9-19-22; Ord. No. 5066, § 2(Exh. A), 9-18-23)

Cross references— Mesquite City Code, Chapter 16—Water and Liquid Waste.

Sec. 15-101. ReservedWater service charges former Markout WSC customers.

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~~0.625 inch meter — \$17.68~~

~~1.000 inch meter — \$24.57~~

~~1.500 inch meter — \$32.73~~

~~2.000 inch meter — \$40.90~~

~~3.000 inch meter — \$49.06~~

~~4.000 inch meter — \$57.22~~

~~6.000 inch meter — \$64.03~~

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~~50,001—70,000 gallons — \$9.07~~

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~~Over 500,000 gallons — \$7.85~~

~~Apartments (rate per unit per 1,000 gallons):~~

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Deposits:

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~~Commercial deposit or three months' water bill, whichever is larger — \$35.00~~

Additional deposits:

~~Residential minimum deposit — \$10.00~~

~~Residential maximum deposit or three months' water bill, whichever is larger — \$75.00~~

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~~Grayhawk Transfer Area (Meter — Radio Read) Master Meter (all sizes) Pricing available by quote~~

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City collection fee — \$100.00

Backflow inspections:

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~~Inspector certification one time fee — \$100.00~~

Other Fees:

~~CareFlite Ambulance Fee — \$1.00 per month (residents can opt out by contacting Mesquite Utility Billing Office)~~

Residents of the City of Forney:

~~City of Mesquite water customers living within the city limits of Forney have additional pass-through fees as set by the City of Forney:~~

~~Sewer Fees~~

~~Refuse and Recycling Fees~~

~~Refuse and Recycling sales tax~~

~~(Ord. No. 4900, § 1(Exh. A), 9-20-21; Ord. No. 4985, § 1(Exh. A), 9-19-22; Ord. No. 5066, § 2(Exh. A), 9-18-23)~~

Sec. 15-102. Mesquite Sewer Service Charges.

Sewer service charges

Residential (rate per 1,000 gallons with maximum 8,000 gallons):

First 1,000 gallons of water used — ~~\$18.41~~ \$18.96

Over 1,000 gallons of water used — ~~\$7.23~~ \$7.45

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Sewer service charge—Kingsborough Lower East Fork Interceptor System (LEFIS) Set by Interlocal Government

Grease and grit trap:

Permit fee See Section 12-114. Health Division: Other Miscellaneous Permits.

Inspection fee per year — \$25.00

Water and sewer pro-rata collection fee Set by Interlocal Agreement

Pretreatment inspection (per month) — \$1,800.00

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NEW
ARTICLE XV – Water and Sewer

MESQUITE CITY CODE

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