

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF SECTION 106-25 (b)(c) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK, TEXAS, CONCERNING WATER AND SEWER RATES; PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES; PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DEER PARK:

ARTICLE I.

Effective for all water passing through the meter after November 1, 2016, Section 106-25 (b) (c) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Deer Park, Texas are hereby amended so that they shall hereafter read as follows:

(b) **Water Rates:** Each consumer of water furnished by the City shall pay to the City for water passing through the meter of any such consumer at the following rates, due and payable on or before the twentieth day after the date of the City's statement therefore:

- (1) For the first two thousand (2,000) gallons or fraction thereof, at the rate of eleven dollars and thirty cents (\$11.87) per billing period, per unit, which shall be the minimum charge per billing period whether or not said water is used;
- (2) For all over two thousand (2,000) gallons, at the rate of four dollars and thirty-seven cents (\$4.59) per unit, per billing period, for each one thousand (1,000) gallons.

All water that passes through the meter shall be charged for at the above rates, whether or not used.

(c) **Sewer Rates:** Each consumer shall pay to the City for sanitary sewer service furnished by it to the same premises:

- (1) At the rate of eleven dollars and thirty cents (\$11.87) per billing period, per unit, for the first two thousand (2,000) gallons, or fraction thereof, of water used, plus an additional four dollars and seventy cents (\$4.94) per billing period, per unit, for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons, or fraction thereof, of water used after the first two thousand (2,000) gallons passing through the water meter of such consumer.

ARTICLE II.

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

ARTICLE III.

If any provision, exception, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances shall, for any reason, be held unconstitutional, void or invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance, or their application to other persons or sets of circumstances and, to this end, all provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable.

ARTICLE IV.

It is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this Ordinance was adopted, was open to the public and the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting was given, all as required by Chapter 551 of the Government Code of the State of Texas.

ARTICLE V.

The City Council finds that this Ordinance relates to the immediate preservation of the public peace, safety and welfare, in that it is necessary to amend the provisions of the Code of Ordinances regulating water and sewer service, so as to facilitate the furnishing of an adequate supply of water for consumption and fire fighting in the City of Deer Park, Texas, and to dispose of the sewer wastes, thereby creating an emergency, for which the Charter requirement providing for the reading of Ordinances on

three (3) several days should be dispensed with, and this Ordinance be passed finally on its introduction; and, accordingly, such requirement is dispensed with, and this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this Ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Deer Park, Texas, **passed, approved and adopted** on this the ____ day of _____, 2016 **by a vote of** _____ **“Ayes” and** _____ **“Noes”.**

MAYOR, City of Deer Park

ATTEST:

City Secretary

APPROVED:

City Attorney