

ORDINANCE NO. 392

WATER AND SEWER RATES, FEES, AND PROCEDURES

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCES NO. 376 RELATING TO AND REGULATING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES IN THE CITY OF MUENSTER AND TO ADOPT IN PLACE AND INSTEAD THEREOF THIS ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE WATER AND SEWER RATES AND FEES TO THOSE INDICATED HEREIN AND TO REGULATE SERVICES FOR WATER AND SEWER AND ALL OTHER MATTERS RELATIVE TO WATER AND SEWER SERVICES RENDERED BY THE CITY OF MUENSTER.

WHEREAS, the City of Muenster is a General Law City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is empowered under the Texas Local Government Code to adopt ordinances and rule for the orderly and beneficial operation of the City government and the welfare for the citizens of Muenster; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the Muenster Code of Ordinances APPENDIX A Article A4.000 Sec. A4.002 Water and Sewer Rates and Charges.

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Muenster, Texas, that the hereinafter stipulations, charges, and services for water and sewer shall be as follows:

Section 1. Water and Sewer Rates and Fees

- a. The following water and sewer rates were approved at the City Council meeting on September 14, 2020:

Water Rates

<u>Water Used</u>	<u>Monthly Rate</u>
Minimum (1,000 gallons)	\$ 29.00
Next 5,000 gallons	3.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	3.75 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	4.00 per 1,000 gallons
Next 20,000 gallons	4.25 per 1,000 gallons
Thereafter ...	4.50 per 1,000 gallons

- b. There will be a \$35.00 fee (non-refundable) for all water connections or transfers. A \$150.00 deposit will be required on water connections at all rental properties.

The deposit will be refunded after one full year of no late payments or the tenant moves out.

- c. Water racks are a Flat \$100 charge for the first 1,000 gallons and a charge of \$5.00 for each 1,000 gallon in addition. For outside City limit water service – Council must agree to such an arrangement. The rates shall be calculated as regular rates and doubled.
- d. Large Water Meters:

Where larger water meters than the standard 5/8 inch meters are installed for the convenience of the customers, all additional costs are to be charged to and paid by the customers to the City of Muenster, and in addition thereto, a monthly demand meter charge based upon the size of the meter in accordance with the following schedule apply:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Fee</u>
¾ inch	\$ 2.00
1 inch	3.00
1 ½ inch	4.00
2 inch	5.00
3 inch	6.00

- e. Water taps will have a \$825.00 fee plus an additional charge for the cost of any larger than the standard 5/8-inch meter. There will be an additional fee for any unexpected expense in installing the new meter.

SEWER RATES

	<u>Residential</u>	<u>Business</u>
Minimum (0-1,000 gallons)	\$ 29.00	\$ 31.00
Thereafter ...	1.25 *	1.25 *

* per 1,000 gallons

- a. Single Domestic Use: Charges for services shall be calculated by the monthly average gallons of water for and during the months of November through April inclusive, with a minimum charge of \$29.00 per month for the first 1,000 gallons, and thereafter \$1.25 per 1,000 gallons.
- b. Commercial Uses: Apartment houses, hotels, motels mercantile businesses, laundry operations, etc., the monthly sewer charge shall be as follows: a minimum charge of \$31.00 for the first 1,000 gallons and \$1.25 thereafter, excepting those commercial customers who are watering grass; then in such case,

the average gallon of water used for and during the months of November through April shall apply.

- c. Outside City Limits – Council must agree to such an arrangement – The rates shall be calculated as regular rates and doubled.
- d. Sewer Taps will be charged a fee of \$825.00 each plus an additional charge for the cost of any larger than the standard 4 inch line and unexpected costs installing the tap.

All other fees and procedures as set out in Ordinance 376 shall remain in full force and effect. Adopted at a public meeting held on September 14, 2020.



Tim Felderhoff, Mayor

Attest:

Ammie Hennigan, City Secretary