

**ORDINANCE NO. 20060323-002**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20050912-004, THE FISCAL YEAR 2005-2006 FEE SCHEDULE FOR AUSTIN WATER UTILITY TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES IN AVERAGING FOR WASTEWATER BILLING.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** In Ordinance No. 20050912-004, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Fee Schedule for Austin Water Utility, Wastewater Service Rates, Wastewater Service Rates for Retail Customers, the paragraph entitled "Existing Customers" is amended to read:

Existing Customers.

(A) Retail Customers with Water Service. These rates are applicable to all retail customers inside the City and retail customers outside the City who have metered water connections.

- (1) "Wastewater average" means the average of the two lowest water consumption months of the designated three month wastewater averaging period.
- (2) Except as provided in Paragraph (3), wastewater [Wastewater] billing is based on the most recent wastewater average [water usage during the two (2) lowest water consumption months of the designated three (3) month wastewater averaging period;] or the monthly water consumption, whichever is lower.
- (3) From May 1, 2006 until March 31, 2007, wastewater billing is based on the lower of the adjusted wastewater average or the monthly water consumption. The adjusted wastewater average is the lower of:
  - (a) the average of:
    - (i) the 2005 wastewater average; and
    - (ii) the 2006 wastewater average; or
  - (b) the 2006 wastewater average.

- (B) Customers with approved Water and Wastewater Measuring Devices. The City will base wastewater billings on the measured sewage volume.
- (C) Non-Residential Customers with Irrigation Meters. For those non-residential customers both inside and outside the City that have a separate City of Austin water meter for irrigation, the City will base wastewater billing for domestic usage on actual monthly water consumption.

**PART 2.** In Ordinance No. 20050912-004, Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Fee Schedule for Austin Water Utility, Wastewater Service Rates, Wastewater Service Rates for Wholesale Customers, the paragraph entitled "Application" is amended to read:

**Application.**

- (A) For all bills and charges rendered on or after November 1, 2005, the City will charge the above rates for wholesale customers. These rates are applicable to all wholesale customers inside the City who are water districts, municipal utility districts, or other utilities which have metered water connections.
  - (1) "Wastewater average" means the average of the two lowest water consumption months of the designated three month wastewater averaging period.
  - (2) Except as provided in Paragraphs (3) and (4), in [In] the absence of measured sewage volume by a means acceptable by the City, the volume service charge will be based on the most recent wastewater average [water usage during the two (2) lowest water consumption months of the designated three (3) month wastewater averaging period,] or monthly water consumption, whichever is lower.
  - (3) From May 1, 2006 until March 31, 2007, wastewater billing is based on the lower of the adjusted wastewater average or the monthly water consumption. The adjusted wastewater average is the lower of:
    - (a) the average of:
      - (i) the 2005 wastewater average; and
      - (ii) the 2006 wastewater average; or
    - (b) the 2006 wastewater average.
  - (4) For new customers who have not established an average water usage during the December, January, and February billing period, the City will use the actual water consumption figure or the measured sewage volume to establish the wastewater billing.

**PART 3.** This ordinance takes effect on April 3, 2006.

**PASSED AND APPROVED**

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Mayor

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