

ORDINANCE 2019-1039

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE AS SET FORTH IN SCHEDULE A, SECTION 18-125 OF THE MOUNT PLEASANT MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Section 18-125, Schedule A, of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code deals with rate schedules, service deposits, connection charges, and reconnection charges, with respect to **water and sewer services**; and,

WHEREAS, the rates and charges set forth in Schedule A are subject to change and amendment by resolution or ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to revise, update and modify water and sewer rates, fees and charges in light of ongoing capital improvement projects undertaken and/or required, including the ongoing cost of operation, and the water and sewer audits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF MOUNT PLEASANT, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That the schedule of rates and charges with respect to **water and sewer services** as set forth in Schedule A, Section 18-125 of the Mount Pleasant Municipal Code is hereby amended as reflected in Schedule A attached hereto.

Section 2. This Ordinance is in conformity with anticipated sewer revenues for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 according to Budget Ordinance 2019-1037.

Section 3. If any one or more of the provisions of this Ordinance, or any exhibit or attachment thereof, shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any respect, by final decree of any court of lawful jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provision hereof, or of any exhibit or attachment thereto, but this Ordinance, and the exhibits and attachments thereof, shall be construed the same as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein, or therein, as the case may be.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage.

Approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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WILLIAM F. WHITE, JR., MAYOR

ATTEST:

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LORETTA GARNER, RECORDER

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:

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KORI BLEDSOE JONES, ATTORNEY

PASSED ON FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED ON SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Section 18-125 of the Mt. Pleasant Municipal Code  
SCHEDULE A**

**WATER RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL INSIDE CITY LIMITS**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 16.00
Unit Charge above 2000 gallons	\$ 3.04

**RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE CORPORATE CITY LIMITS<sup>1</sup>**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 23.00
Unit Charge above 2000 gallons	\$ 4.55

**LEWIS COUNTY WATER LINE EXTENSION<sup>2</sup>**

Minimum Monthly Charge	\$54.00
*0 usage	
Unit charge above 0 usage	\$ 6.00

**COMMERCIAL<sup>3</sup>**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 23.00
Unit Charge above 2000 gallons	\$ 4.55

**INDUSTRIAL<sup>4</sup>**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 31.00
Unit Charge Above 2000 Gallons	\$ 6.07

**SEWER RATES**

**RESIDENTIAL**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 50.00
Unit Charge Above 2000 Gallons	\$ 5.89

**COMMERCIAL**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
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<sup>1</sup> Resolution 2009-10 distinguished rates for water services for water customers outside the corporate limits of the City from rates of water customers inside the corporate limits of the City; it also consolidated all previously used special water districts which were outside the corporate limits of the City. Since the passage of Resolution 2009-10, water rates for customers outside the corporate limits of the City have been different than the rates of customers inside the corporate limits of the City. If not specifically changed by ordinance or resolution, water rates remain unchanged.

<sup>2</sup> This includes all water customers who receive water from Mt. Pleasant as a result of Phases 1 and 2 of the Mt. Joy Project (those residing in Lewis County) who applied for Mt. Pleasant water.

<sup>3</sup> Includes inside and outside corporate city limits.

<sup>4</sup> Includes inside and outside corporate city limits.

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*includes 2000 gallons	\$ 62.00
Unit Charge above 2000 gallons	\$ 8.15

**INDUSTRIAL**

Minimum Monthly Charge*	
*includes 2000 gallons	\$150.00
Unit Charge Above 2000 Gallons	\$ 8.15

**WATER TAP/METER FEES<sup>5</sup>**

**SEWER TAP FEES**

¾” Inside City Limits	\$2,000.00
¾” Outside City Limits	\$2,200.00
1” Inside City Limits	\$2,700.00
1” Outside City Limits	\$2,900.00
2” Inside City Limits	\$3,700.00
2” Outside City Limits	\$3,900.00

Residential	\$3,000.00
Commercial	\$4,500.00
Industrial	\$6,000.00

Boring Under Road Fee \$1,000.00

- Charges for water meters larger than 2” shall be determined by the City Manager.
- The City Manager shall have the authority to adjust water and sewer tap fees when doing so would benefit the City of Mount Pleasant and more accurately reflect the actual cost of providing service to the customer;

**FIRE PROTECTION TAP**

\$8,000.00

**WATER & SEWER FEES & CHARGES**

Residential Service Deposits (Inside City Limits, Outside City Limits & Lewis County). Residential deposits for new services are required in an amount based off information on a customer’s credit report. (City’s Collection Policy – Resolution 2017-30, Exhibit A).

Commercial & Industrial Service Deposits (Inside City Limits, Outside City Limits & Lewis County). Commercial and industrial deposits for new services are required in an amount equal to 2.5 times estimated monthly usage, as determined by the discretion of the City Manager. (City’s Collection Policy – Resolution 2017-30, Exhibit A).

Multi-Unit Charge. A multi-unit charge applies for each unit of multi-unit dwelling or commercial complex building purchasing water through a single meter. There is a minimum bill for each separate unit.

Late Penalty Charge<sup>6</sup>. Customer’s bills should be paid on or before the fifteenth day of each month in order to receive the net price on the monthly bill. Payments received after the fifteenth of each month will incur a ten percent (10%) late penalty charge. (See also §18-111(2)). Additionally, accounts not paid by 4:00 p.m. on the 25<sup>th</sup> are subject to cut-off of services.

<sup>5</sup> Outside city limits for water tap/meter fees includes Lewis County Water Line Extension.

<sup>6</sup> Credit card payments must be electronically received by the City on or before the 15th in order to avoid assessment of the late penalty charge. It can take up to 5 business days for credit card payments to post to the City’s system.

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Service and Reconnection Charge<sup>7</sup>. Customers who have their water and/or sewer service discontinued for any reason will be charged a fee of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) for both the disconnection and reconnection of services. All accounts which remain unpaid on the 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. will be cut-off and assessed the service and reconnection fee. Customers will only be charged one \$75.00 charge per bill for disconnection and reconnection of water, sewer, and gas at any one location, notwithstanding the reconnection charge for gas authorized in §19-311 of the municipal code.

After Hours Reconnection Fee. Customers who request that their water and/or sewer services be reconnected on weekdays before 7:00 a.m. or after 3:00 p.m. will be assessed an additional twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) after hour charge. Services will not be reconnected on weekends or holidays.

Return Check Fee. The fee for return checks is \$30.00 plus any fees the bank charges the City for chargeback items. After two return checks in a year are presented, the City will refuse to accept checks as a valid form of payment. (City's Collection Policy – Resolution 2017-30, Exhibit A).

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