

ORDINANCE NO. _____ OF 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 94-164 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES
RELATIVE TO WATER RATES AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT
THERETO**

BY:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the City of Shreveport needs to increase its water and sewer rates, to allow it to pay for the water and sewer system's operating expenses and to meet the bond covenants established when the City last sold utility revenue bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has recommended that water rates be increased by 10%, effective March 1, 2024, to generate the revenues necessary to meet those bond covenants and avoid further damage to the City's credit rating.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Shreveport, in due, legal and regular session convened, that Section 94-164 of the Code of Ordinances be amended to read as follows:

Section 94-164. Water Charges

The following monthly rates shall be charged for water furnished to residential, commercial and industrial customers:

- 1) Monthly water customer charge. Effective with all customer bills rendered on or after April 1, 2024, the monthly water customer charge shall be:

Water Meter Size (inches)	Inside City	Outside City
5/8	\$10.40	\$20.80
3/4	\$12.02	\$24.04
1	\$15.07	\$30.14
1 ½	\$22.69	\$45.38
2	\$31.82	\$63.64
3	\$53.16	\$106.32
4	\$83.64	\$167.28
6	\$159.80	\$319.60
8	\$251.23	\$502.46
10	\$357.88	\$715.76

Compound meters. In all cases, the monthly water customer charge for meters with multiple faces shall be equal to the sum of the monthly water customer charges for the corresponding constituent sized of the compound meter face.

Bulk water purchases. In all cases, monthly customer charges for bulk water purchases shall be the same as for regular commercial customers, plus an administrative fee of \$10.00.

- 2) Quantity charges. Effective with all customer bills rendered on or after April 1, 2014, the monthly water quantity charge shall be as follows:

Customer Class	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons, Inside City	Rate Per 1,000 Gallons, Outside City
Tier 1	\$1.47	\$2.94
Tier 2	\$2.93	\$5.86
Tier 3	\$4.39	\$8.78
Tier 4	\$4.97	\$9.94
Commercial	\$3.61	\$7.22
Industrial	\$3.61	\$7.22

- 3) Water quantity for tiers. Tiered water quantity rates apply to residential customers only. The water quantity for each tier shall be as follows:

Tier 1 - 0 to 3,000 gallons per month

Tier 2 - 4,000 to 7,000 gallons per month

Tier 3 - 8,000 to 14,000 gallons per month

Tier 4 – Over 14,000 gallons per month

Monthly water quantity charges shall be calculated as follows: Up to the first 3,000 gallons will be charged at the Tier 1 rate. Usage from 4,000 to 7,000 gallons will be charged at the Tier 2 rate. Usage from 8,000 to 14,000 gallons will be charged at the Tier 3 rate. All usage over 14,000 gallons per month will be charged at the Tier 4 rate. Residential irrigation meters will be charged at the Tier 3 rate for the first 14,000 gallons per month, with all usage above 14,000 gallons charged at the Tier 4 rate. All commercial irrigation consumption shall be billed at the prevailing commercial quantity charge rate.

- 4) Contract customers. The city council may authorize contracts with municipalities, political subdivisions, governmental entities or private firms to furnish water at rates and charges other than those set forth herein.
- 5) Non-metered customers. Users who do not have metered water consumption shall be charged in a manner both adequate to the operation, maintenance and replacement needs of the water system and proportional to metered users in

accordance with the rules and regulations issued pursuant to Section 94-168 of the Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications; and, to this end, the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

City Attorney's Office