

FACT SHEET

CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT</u>
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 94 -163 b AND g OF CHAPTER 94 OF THE CITY OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATIVE TO BILLING AND COLLECTIONS AND TO OTHERWISE PROVIDE WITH RESPECT THERETO.	December 5, 2024	WATER & SEWERAGE

PURPOSE
To amend Shreveport City Code Chapter 94 Section 163 b and g to increase deposit amounts for construction or roving meters and add a deposit for 12” meters and Apartments/Master Meters.

BACKGROUND
The Department of Water and Sewerage requires a monetary deposit for connection and use of construction or roving meters. This ensures payment for water used and ensures return of the equipment. The current deposit required is \$500.00 which does not adequately protect the Department’s interest. This ordinance amendment increases the deposit amount to \$2,000.00. The Department also utilizes 12” meters which does not have an established deposit rate. This amendment sets the deposit rate for 12” meters at \$10,000.00.

The Department desires to add a deposit of \$100.00 per apartment in multi-family dwellings. This covers connection costs and ensures payment if customer defaults.

<u>TIMETABLE</u>	<u>ATTACHMENT(S)</u>
Introduction: December 10, 2024 Final Passage: January 14, 2025	N/A

SPECIAL PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS
[N/A]

<u>FINANCES</u>	<u>SOURCE OF FUNDS</u>
N/A	N/A

ALTERNATIVES
(1) Adopt the ordinance as submitted, or (2) Amend the ordinance, or (3) Reject the ordinance.

RECOMMENDATION
It is recommended that the City Council adopt the ordinance.

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ORDINANCE NO. ____ 2024

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BY:

WHEREAS, the City of Shreveport Department of Water and Sewerage (Department) desires to increase the monetary deposits for use of construction and roving meters and establish a deposit rate for 12” meters; and

WHEREAS, the Department desires to establish monetary deposit rates for apartment and master meter connections; and

WHEREAS, the establishment and increase of the deposit rates are necessary to address potential payment defaults by customers and ensure safe return of equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of Shreveport, in due, legal, and regular session convened, that Chapter 94 Section 163 b and g be amended and read as follows:

Chapter 94 – UTILITIES

ARTICLE V. - BILLING AND COLLECTIONS

Sec. 94-163. – Deposit.

(b) (1) Deposits when required shall be made in the following amounts:

Water Meter Size (Inches)	Amount of Deposit
5/8	\$75.00
¾	\$75.00
1	\$75.00
1 ½	\$150.00
2	\$250.00
3	\$1,100.00
4	\$1,500.00
6	\$2,500.00
8	\$6,850.00
10	\$8,500.00
12	\$10,000.00
Construction or roving meter	\$2000.00
Apartments/Master Meters	\$100.00/individual unit

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(g) With the exception of apartments or master meter accounts, each account deposit posted pursuant to this section shall be credited to the customer's account after 12 consecutive months in which the customer's water and sewerage bills, including recycling and solid waste, have reflected no past due balance.

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