

**ORDINANCE NO. 2020-10-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LADONIA, TEXAS, FINDING THE NEED TO INCREASE UTILITY RATED FEES AND RATES, AMENDING THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADOPTING THE ATTACHED APPENDIX A FEE AND RATE SCHEDULE, AND AMENDING ARTICLE 6.000 UTILITY RELATED FEES, SECTION 6.400 WATER RATES AND SECTION 6.500 SEWER RATES PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council has reviewed cost and fees and spending and funding needs and determined there is a need to increase utility related fees and rates (Utility Rate Increases); and

**WHEREAS**, such Utility Rate Increases are needed in the interest of covering costs, providing necessary services, maintaining infrastructure and providing for future needs of the City and its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ladonia City Council is charged with the responsibility to periodically review, amend or delete various Articles, Sections and or Sub Sections of the City's Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, such a review has been conducted in conjunction with the proposed establishment of Utility Rate Increases; and

**WHEREAS**, this review indicates that the need exists for increases in the utility fees and rates for the City of Ladonia and that the Code of Ordinances be amended accordingly; and


**WHEREAS**, proposed Ordinance #2020-10-12 has been developed to address the above stated needs, and

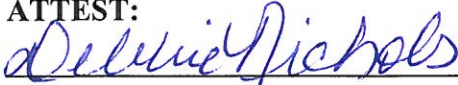
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Ladonia, Texas that:**

- (1) The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein as if set forth in full and constitute findings of the City Council.
- (2) The attached Appendix A amending Ladonia Code of Ordinances section 6.400 is adopted and is hereby incorporated into and made a portion of this Ordinance #2020-10-12 to be effective upon passing and publishing. Appendix A will supersede and replace the existing Ladonia Code of Ordinance sections 6.400. The rates and fees established in Appendix A will take effect January 1, 2021 and coincide with the January, 2021 billing.
- (3) All parts of any other ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.
- (4) If any part of this Ordinance, specifically including Appendix A, is for any reason found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, all other parts nevertheless shall remain valid, legal, and enforceable.

(2) The City Secretary of the City of Ladonia is hereby directed to have published as authorized by Section 52.011 Local Government Code in the official newspaper of the City the caption and effective date of this ordinance.

**PASSED AND APPROVED, this 12th day of October, 2020.**

  
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**Jan Cooper, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**  
  
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**Debbie Nichols, City Secretary**

**ARTICLE 6.000 UTILITY RELATED FEES**

**Sec. 6.400 Water Rates**

The City's water rate schedule shall be as follows:

- (1) Rates for Residential Service Within City Limits
  - a. 0-1999 gallons \$35.50
  - b. 2000-3499 gallons \$8.75 per 1,000
  - c. 3500-9999 gallons \$9.10 per 1,000
  - d. 10000+ \$9.45 per 1,000
  
- (2) Rates for Master Metered Service Within City Limits
  - a. Fee per Month \$525.00
  - b. 0-1999 gallons \$35.50
  - c. 2000-3499 gallons \$8.75 per 1,000
  - d. 3500-9999 gallons \$9.10 per 1,000
  - e. 10000+ \$9.45 per 1,000
  
- (3) Rates for Residential Service Outside City Limits
  - a. 0-1999 gallons \$48.00
  - b. 2000-3499 gallons \$8.75 per 1,000
  - c. 3500-9999 gallons \$9.10 per 1,000
  - d. 10000+ \$9.45 per 1,000
  
- (4) Rates for Master Metered Service Outside City Limits
  - a. Fee per Month \$525.00
  - b. 0-1999 gallons \$48.00
  - c. 2000-3499 gallons \$8.75 per 1,000
  - d. 3500-9999 gallons \$9.10 per 1,000
  - e. 10000+ \$9.45 per 1,000

(Ordinance 2020-10-12, adopted 10-12-2020)

Code reference – Chapter 11, Article 11.200

**Sec. 6.500 Sewer Rates**

The City's sewer rate schedule shall be as follows:

- (1) Rates for Residential Service Within City Limits
  - a. 0-1999 gallons \$24.50
  - b. 2000-7999 gallons \$3.50 per 1,000
  - c. 8000+ \$3.75 per 1,000

- (2) Rates for Master Metered Service Within City Limits
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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| a. | 0-1999 gallons    | \$24.50          |
| b. | 2000-7999 gallons | \$3.50 per 1,000 |
| c. | 8000+             | \$3.75 per 1,000 |

- (3) Rates for Residential Service Outside City Limits
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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| a. | 0-1999 gallons    | \$37.00          |
| b. | 2000-7999 gallons | \$5.50 per 1,000 |
| c. | 8000+             | \$5.75 per 1,000 |
- (4) Rates for Master Metered Service Outside City Limits
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|----|-------------------|------------------|
| a. | 0-1999 gallons    | \$37.00          |
| b. | 2000-7999 gallons | \$5.50 per 1,000 |
| c. | 8000+             | \$5.75 per 1,000 |

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**Code reference** – Chapter 11, Article 11.300