

**ORDINANCE 19-V**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 28, COMPREHENSIVE FEE ORDINANCE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVISING THE FEES TO BE CHARGED FOR WATER SERVICES, BY OFFERING A TWENTY PERCENT SENIOR DISCOUNT ON SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WATER BASE RATE FOR THE FIRST INCREMENT OF WATER USAGE UP TO AND INCLUDING 2,000 GALLONS, FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 2019 BILLING CYCLES, AND SETTING FORTH OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED THERETO.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALVIN, TEXAS:**

**Section 1:** Section 28-2 *Water and Sewer* is amended to read as follows

Sec. 28-2. - In general.

(9) Water rates (monthly charges):

*Inside the city limits:*

For the first increment of water usage up to and including 2,000 gallons, minimum base rate:

**Effective FY 2019-20, a Senior Citizen (65 years or older) discount will be offered to single family residential customers at a rate of 20% of the minimum base rate.**

	FY 2017— 18	FY 2018— 19	FY 2019— 20	FY 2020— 21	FY 2021— 22
For residential and multifamily users	\$12.95	\$15.15	\$18.18	\$19.27	\$20.43
For commercial users	\$13.59	\$15.90	\$19.09	\$20.23	\$21.44

For the second increment of water usage from 2,001—7,000 gallons of water, per 1,000 gallons:

FY 2017—18	FY 2018—19	FY 2019—20	FY 2020—21	FY 2021—22
\$3.31	\$3.87	\$4.65	\$4.93	\$5.22

For the third increment of water usage from 7,001 gallons and above, per 1,000 gallons:

FY 2017—18	FY 2018—19	FY 2019—20	FY 2020—21	FY 2021—22
\$5.05	\$5.91	\$7.09	\$7.52	\$7.97

*Outside the city limits:*

One and one-half times the charge applied inside the city limits for the same water usage.

Malfunctioning water meter that fails to register consumption - Average daily consumption as shown when meter operating properly.

*Bulk Water:*

Bulk water Fee ..... \$30 per 1,000 gallons

*Brazoria County Groundwater Conservation District user fee:*

For the first increment of water usage up to and including 2,000 gallons, minimum rate ..... \$0.08

For the second increment of water usage, from 2,001 gallons of water, per 1,000 gallons ..... \$0.04

TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) user fee: ..... \$0.50

(10) Wastewater rates (monthly charges):

*Inside the city limits (for residents with water and sewer service):*

For the first increment of water usage up to and including 2,000 gallons of water, minimum rate:

	FY 2017— 18	FY 2018— 19	FY 2019— 20	FY 2020— 21	FY 2021— 22
For residential and multi-family users	\$20.08	\$23.49	\$28.19	\$29.88	\$31.68
For commercial users	\$20.66	\$24.17	\$29.00	\$30.74	\$32.59

For the additional incremental water usage in excess of 2,000 gallons, per 1,000 gallons:

FY 2017—18	FY 2018—19	FY 2019—20	FY 2020—21	FY 2021—22
\$3.31	\$3.87	\$4.65	\$4.93	\$5.22

*Inside the city limits (for residents with city sewer service only):*

	FY 2017— 18	FY 2018— 19	FY 2019— 20	FY 2020— 21	FY 2021— 22
Monthly Charge	\$46.62	\$54.55	\$64.46	\$69.39	\$73.55

Unless determined by the director of public works that the usage would greatly exceed that normally used by a standard commercial business or residence. In that case, an appropriate charge shall be determined by the director of public works on the basis of a comparable use in the city.

*Outside the city limits:*

One and one-half times the charge applied inside the city limits for the same usage.

(11) Winter averaging:

From and after the first billing cycle in June, 1999, the city shall utilize a winter averaging methodology to determine water consumption in connection with single-family residential sewer rates. The city shall average the consumer's water usage for the billing periods in the months of December, January and February to determine the amount of (number of gallons) of water usage. That average shall constitute the water usage for purposes of billing for single-family residential sewer rates. The winter average for consumers who have no account history during the preceding December, January and February months will be based on five thousand six hundred (5,600) gallons of water usage. Such amount constitutes the average of water usage for single-family residential consumers for such winter months. Commencing with the first billing cycle in June, 1999, and up until the first billing cycle in April, 2000, the city shall use the winter average of water usage for the billing periods in December, 1998, and January and February, 1999. Thereafter, with and from the first billing cycles in April, 2000, the city shall use the average of water usage for the immediately preceding December, January and February months. Such average shall be used for all the billing cycles for single-family residential sewer rates until the first billing cycle of the following April.

**Section 2:** That if any provision of this ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid by any court, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance, and the City Council of the City of Alvin, Texas, hereby declares that it would have enacted such remaining portions despite any such invalidity.

**Section 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict only.

**Section 4:** That this ordinance shall affect the billings for the items in this Ordinance on the first day of October 2019.

Passed and Approved on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of September 5, 2019.

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**Paul Horn, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

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**Dixie Roberts, City Secretary**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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**Suzanne Hanneman, City Attorney**