

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF MESQUITE, TEXAS, AS AMENDED, BY DELETING SECTIONS 16-2(8), 16-44 AND 16-45 IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND ADDING NEW SECTIONS 16-2(8), 16-44 AND 16-45 THEREBY AMENDING THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH FIRE HYDRANT METER DEPOSITS, WATER SERVICE CONNECTIONS AND SANITARY SEWER SERVICE CONNECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE THEREOF.

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

SECTION 1. That Chapter 16 of the Code of the City of Mesquite, Texas, as amended, is hereby amended by deleting Section 16-2(8), 16-44 and 16-45 in their entirety and adding new Sections 16-2(8), 16-44 and 16-45 to read as follows, in all other respects said Code and Chapter to remain in full force and effect:

A. *Sec. 16-2(8).* Amend Chapter 16 by deleting 16-2(8) in its entirety and adding a new Section 16-2(8) to read as follows:

(8) *Fire hydrant meter deposit.* Persons needing large quantities of water on a temporary basis may request a temporary fire hydrant meter. Customers requesting a fire hydrant meter shall pay a meter deposit of \$1,788.00 plus a commercial consumption deposit as stated in Paragraph (1) b of this section.

B. *Secs. 16-44 and 16-45.* Amend Chapter 16 by deleting Sections 16-44 and 16-45 in their entirety and adding new Sections 16-44 and 16-45 to read as follows:

Sec. 16-44. Water service connections.

(a) *Installation of water service connections.* Persons or organizations desiring water service from the City must pay for the use of a meter directly from the City. The developer shall be responsible for the installation of water meter, meter box and associated fittings in the public right-of way and easements per City design and construction standards. Approved meter boxes may be acquired from the City or from a third-party vendor. The City will install water services only for existing owner-occupied single-family homes. The cost of installation of water services made by the City will be quoted on a case-by-case basis and shall be sufficient to cover City's cost in materials, equipment, labor and benefits. Proof of payment of impact fees or proof of non-applicability will be required at the time of the water meter purchase.

(b) *Separate connections required.* Each house or building within the City shall be served by a separate and independent water service connection. Bull heading of services is not allowed.

- (c) *Water meter and meter box pricing.* The cost of the meters in the table below are calculated as actual City cost plus 20 percent administrative and stocking fees. The following meter sizes are available: 5/8", 1", 1 1/2" or 2" (meter sizes of 3", 4", 6" and 8" are available based on individual quotes).

The City reserves the right to determine whether a conventional meter or a radio read meter is required for each lot, structure, street or subdivision.

Meter Size	Meter or Meter Box Description	Purchase Price (actual City cost plus 20 percent for administrative and stocking fees) Prices Updated July 2018
5/8"	Meter Neptune 5/8"x 3/4" T-10	\$47.00
5/8"	Meter (Radio Read) Neptune T-10 E-Coder R9001	\$227.00
1"	Meter Neptune 1" T-10	\$115.00
1"	Meter (Radio Read) Neptune T-10 E-Coder R9001	\$307.00
1 1/2"	Meter Neptune 1 1/2" T-10	\$262.00
1 1/2"	Meter (Radio Read) Neptune T-10 E-Coder R9001	\$454.00
2"	Meter Neptune 2" T-10	\$337.00
2"	Meter (Radio Read) Neptune T-10 E-Coder R9001	\$529.00
>2"	3", 4", 6" and 8" Meters Pricing Available by Quote	
	Fire Hydrant Meter with RPZ Backflow Prevention Device Deposit	Deposit of \$1788.00
Meter Box for 5/8" Meter	Nominal 18-inch Diameter Cast Iron Ring and Locking Lid HDPE Base Enclosure-with Slot - Bass & Hays P34P14D-3-LID-2	\$87.00
Meter Box for 1", 1-1/2" and 2" Meters	Nominal 32-5/8-inch Diameter Cast Iron Ring and Locking Lid HDPE Base Enclosure with Slot - Bass & Hays P55P18D1S BH5C-LID-1	\$300.00
Miscellaneous fittings will be charged at the City's cost plus 20 percent for administrative fees and stocking fees. Meter and box prices are subject to change.		

- (d) *Fire hydrant meter deposit.* Persons needing large quantities of water on a temporary basis may request a temporary fire hydrant meter. Customers requesting a fire hydrant meter shall pay a fire hydrant meter deposit as stated in Paragraph (8) of Section 16-2 plus a commercial service deposit as stated in Paragraph (1) of Section 16-2.

- (e) *Metering of temporary service.* All water temporary services for construction or other purposes shall be metered and are subject to the same regulations and billing as permanent water accounts.
- (f) *Water service maintenance.* City assumes ownership of and is responsible for maintenance of the water service from the City water main to the meter, including the meter, and meter box. The property owner is responsible for maintenance of the water service from the gasket on the customer's side of the meter to the point of water demand.
- (g) *Impact fees.* All new services are subject to applicable impact fees in place at the time of assessment.
- (h) *Charges outside the City.* Water service connection charges for property outside the corporate limits of the City shall be determined and set forth in a specific agreement with the municipality or other governmental entity involved.

Sec. 16-45. Sanitary sewer service connections.

- (a) *Installation of sanitary sewer services.* The developer shall be responsible for the installation of sanitary sewer taps and sewer services in the public right-of-way and easements per City design and construction standards. Service lines shall be installed from the main to the right-of-way line or easement boundary line. The property owner shall install a lateral line at the owner's expense from the City's sewer service to the structure in accordance with City-adopted building codes and regulations and subject to the inspection of the City Building Inspection Division. The builder responsible for construction of the structure on a lot shall make final connection from the structure lateral line to the City sewer service. The City will install sanitary sewer taps only for existing owner-occupied single-family homes. The cost of sanitary sewer service installation by the City will be quoted on a case-by-case basis and shall be sufficient to cover City's cost in materials, equipment, labor and benefits. Proof of payment of impact fees or proof of non-applicability will be required at the time of application.
- (b) *Separate connections required.* Each house or building shall be served by a separate and independent sanitary sewer connection.
- (c) *Sewer service maintenance.* City is responsible for maintenance of the sanitary sewer service within the City right-of-way or sewer easement. The property owner is responsible for maintenance of the sanitary sewer service from the right-of-way or sewer easement boundary to the structure.
- (d) *Impact fees.* All new services are subject to applicable impact fees in place at the time of assessment.
- (e) *Charges outside the City.* Sewer service connection charges for property outside the corporate limits of the City shall be determined and set forth in a specific agreement with the municipality or other governmental entity involved.

SECTION 2. That all ordinances or portions thereof in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance, to the extent of such conflict, are hereby repealed. To the extent

that such ordinances or portions thereof are not in conflict herewith, the same shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. That should any word, sentence, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. That this ordinance shall take effect on and after October 1, 2018.


DULY PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Mesquite, Texas, on the 17th day of September, 2018.

Stan Pickett
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sonja Land
City Secretary

APPROVED:



Paula Anderson
Interim City Attorney