

ORDINANCE 12-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WHITE HOUSE, TENNESSEE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 18, CHAPTER 3 SEWER RATES, FEES AND CHARGES.

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen desires to amend the wastewater rates, fees and charges;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen that the following changes be made to Title 18, Chapter 3, Sewer Rates, Fees and Charges is amended as follows:

18-301. Rates

(3) **Summer service rates** - Residential user charges during the months of June, July, and August will be changed to reflect an average usage based on the previous nine (9) months of water usage billing, or the water usage billing that is available if it is less than twelve (12) months, ~~or the rated capacity of the water meter if it relates to a new service without a water usage billing history~~ the average consumption for all residential users that month if requested by customers who do not meet the other criteria. Residential customers will not be permitted any other wastewater usage adjustments while summer rates are in effect.

(4) **Wastewater Usage Adjustments** - Users may be entitled to an adjustment to their wastewater usage charges for the use of water not being discharged into the wastewater system. Users wishing to have their wastewater usage charges adjusted must fill out a Wastewater Adjustment Request Form and submit to the City of White House Wastewater Finance Department. Each adjustment will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the City's Wastewater Finance Director, ~~who will notify the user in writing of their decision then the user will be notified in writing of the City's decision.~~ When an adjustment is granted, the user charges will be changed to reflect an average usage based on the previous twelve months of water usage billing, or the water usage billing that is available if it is less than twelve months, ~~or the rated capacity of the water meter if the adjustment relates to a new service without a water usage billing history~~ the average consumption for all residential users that month if requested by customers who do not meet the other criteria. Wastewater user rates in effect at the time of the adjustment request will be applied to the adjusted usage figure. Wastewater usage adjustments may be granted according to the following schedule:

Time frame	Situation
Once per calendar year	Filling of swimming pool.
Anytime	Water leak that does not enter the municipal sewer system in the sole judgment of the City

(5) **Delinquent payments** - Wastewater usage charges shall be paid by the due date. Usage charges that are not paid by the due date shall be assessed a penalty in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount due. Should wastewater usage charges and related penalties remain unpaid ~~by the 10th day of the month~~ for fifteen (15) days following the due date, ~~the water meter may be removed from service~~ may be locked off from service or a request will be sent to the White House Utility District to have the meter removed from service, unless there are extenuating circumstances in the opinion of the City. It shall be the responsibility of the person to whom the wastewater usage charges are assessed to pay all charges and past due amounts before reconnection of service.

18-302. Fees and Charges

(1) **Application fee** - A non-refundable application fee in the amount of \$50.00 shall be paid by the applicant for wastewater service at the time the application is filed with the City. Existing users will only be required to pay \$25.00 if all current charges are paid in full.

(2) **Administrative fees** - Fees to cover the various administrative costs of obtaining wastewater service for multiple service residential and commercial developments and for any industrial facilities shall be as follows:

~~(a) Clerical fee in the amount of one hundred seventy five dollars (\$175.00) shall be paid at the time of application for wastewater service.~~

(b) ~~(a)~~ Wastewater availability fee in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be paid at the time of application for service if the wastewater director deems that an assessment of system capacity is needed to determine the service availability.

~~(e) (b)~~ Wastewater plans review fee in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) shall be paid at the time plans are submitted for review.

~~(d) (c)~~ Field inspection fee in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300.00) minimum shall be paid prior to beginning construction of the wastewater system facilities to be completed by the applicant. Additional fees shall be paid at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50.00) per every ten (10) lots or units, or partial increment thereof, to be served above the initial ten (10) lots or units. This fee may be waived at the sole discretion of the wastewater director for individual connections to the wastewater system.

(4) **Capacity Fee** - A non-refundable fee in the amount appropriate in the following table shall be paid prior to beginning construction of the wastewater facility to be completed by the applicant, including individual service connections, to cover the value of the wastewater system capacity to be consumed by the applicant. The only exception allowed to this table will be made for written agreements made between the City and the property owners/developers made prior to September 20, 2012. It is the sole responsibility of the property owner/developer to provide proof of this agreement.

Table of capacity fees		
	Description of service	Amount
(a)	Single family residence (base fee)	\$2,500.00
(b)	Multi-family residence (including mobile home parks)	\$2,500.00 per unit
(c)	Motels, hotels, and similar type units	Base fee + \$115.00 per unit
(d)	Restaurants	Base fee + \$30.00 per seat
(e)	Day care, child care centers, and schools	Base fee + \$15.00 per student
(f)	Car wash / truck wash	Base fee + \$750.00 per bay
(g)	Self-service laundries	Base fee + \$150.00 per washer
(h)	Retail commercial stores	Base fee + \$30.00 per 1,000 square feet under roof
(i)	Multiple-unit shopping centers	Base fee per unit
(j)	Assisted care / nursing homes	Base fee + \$125.00 per bed
(k)	Hospitals	Base fee + \$150.00 per bed
(l)	Service stations	Base fee + \$225.00 per pump
(m)	Movie theaters	Base fee + \$10.00 per seat
(n)	Other facilities	Base fee + add-on to be determined by the City

~~(7) **Bulk disposal fee** - A fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) per load to allow the disposal of septage into the City's wastewater system under controlled and approved conditions monitored by the City.~~

~~(8) (7)~~ **Commercial food preparation fee** - A fee of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) per year for all users who engage in commercial food preparation requiring the inspection of grease traps and interceptors and other specialty appurtenances preventing the discharge of prohibited fats, oils, and grease into the wastewater system.

~~(9) (8)~~ **Industrial permit fee** - A fee of one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) per year for all users who have a pretreatment discharge permit issued by the City to discharge their wastewater into the City's wastewater system under the conditions and provisions of such permit.

(10) (9) **Rental property deposits** - A \$75.00 ~~non-refundable~~ refundable deposit shall be required on all residential rental property, and a \$150.00 ~~non-refundable~~ refundable deposit on all commercial rental property prior to service being connected, or reconnected after service disconnection, to the wastewater system. The deposit will be refunded on the account it was paid for towards the final bill.

(11) (10) **Returned payment charge** - A charge of twenty dollars (\$20.00) or the amount of the payment, whichever is lesser will be applied to any user or potential user whose payment of any rates, fees, or charges related to wastewater service is returned to the City due to insufficient funds. If a payment is returned for any other reason, charging of this fee will be determined by the City's ~~wastewater~~ Finance director on a case by case basis.

(12) (11) **Reconnection charge** - A charge of fifty dollars (\$50.00) will be applied to any user ~~which that~~ has been disconnected for non-payment before reinstatement will be issued.

(13) (12) **Emergency service charges** - When the wastewater system sustains damages due to the actions of a party other than the City, the wastewater department may repair such damages if such repairs are needed immediately, in the sole opinion of the City, to protect the operational integrity of the City's wastewater system. The costs of such repairs shall be charged to the party responsible for the damages, such costs to be determined by the City's wastewater director.

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

This ordinance shall become effective upon final reading and adoption by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and publication, the public welfare requiring it.

First Reading: September 20, 2012 PASSED

Second Reading: October 18, 2012 PASSED



Michael Arnold, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amanda Priest, City Recorder