

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2004-33  
CHANGE IN WATER & SEWER CHARGES AND RATES**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER AND SEWER SERVICES; PROVIDING FOR LATE CHARGES, PROVIDING FOR DEPOSITS FOR NEW AND REINSTATED UTILITY SERVICE; AND PROVIDING FOR DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE FOR NON-PAYMENT.**

**THIS ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR THE MAXIMUM PENALTY ALLOWED BY LAW FOR VIOLATIONS; CONTAINS A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND REPEALS ORDINANCE NUMBER 99-26 IN ITS ENTIRETY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREACRES, STATE OF TEXAS:**

**SECTION 1. WATER RATES.**

Effective October 1, 2004, water rates for the City of Shoreacres shall be as follows:

**RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES**

0 - 3,000 gallons	\$11.00 per month
3,001 - 5,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$3.50 per thousand gallons
5,001 - 13,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$4.00 per thousand gallons
13,001 gallons and up or portions thereof	\$4.50 per thousand gallons

**NON-RESIDENTIAL WATER RATES**

0 - 3,000 gallons	\$21.00 per month
3,001 - 5,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$3.50 per thousand gallons
5,001 - 13,000 gallons or portions thereof	\$4.00 per thousand gallons
13,001 gallons and up or portions thereof	\$4.50 per thousand gallons

**SECTION 2. SEWER RATES.**

Monthly sewer rates for the City of Shoreacres for sewage service for residences within the City, and unless otherwise provided by contract, outside the city, be as follows and effective October 1, 2004.

## **RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES**

Sewer Services    \$17.50 per month (flat rate)

## **NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES**

Base of \$45.00 for each water meter and \$1.10 per each 1,000 gallons used.

Houston Yacht Club is exempt from sewer fees for those meters where sanitary sewer service is not provided (such as water meters serving docks).

### **SECTION 3.                          LATE CHARGES.**

The City of Shoreacres shall charge a \$10.00 late charge, per month, for all bills not paid **and received** by the City on or before the due date listed on the water bill, whether or not the due date falls on a holiday or weekend. Payments may be received by deposit into the drop box outside of City Hall until 12:00 midnight of the due date without incurring a late charge.

### **SECTION 4.                          DEPOSITS FOR WATER, SEWER & GARBAGE SERVICE.**

Builders will be required to pay a fifty dollar (\$50.00) deposit, as long as they are contractors and will not be living in the new home. Any other person, firm, company, corporation, receiver or trustee requesting initial service or reinstatement of water, sewer and garbage collection services or any combination thereof shall be required to post a deposit with the city in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) to secure timely payment of fees charged for the furnishing of such services. This deposit shall be retained by the city until termination of utility services by the customer, at which time the deposit shall be credited to the customers' final statement, with any remaining monies returned to the customer, provided that the customer gives notice of a forwarding mailing address to the City.

### **SECTION 5.                          DISCONTINUATION OF SERVICE.**

The City of Shoreacres reserves the right to discontinue water and sewer service to any customer who is ten (10) days delinquent in payment of any charges set out in this ordinance. Notice of the City's right to discontinue service is printed on all water bills and on all applications for water service. The City shall not be required to serve any additional notice (s) to a customer before service is discontinued. After service has been disconnected, the customer shall pay all delinquent amounts, a reconnection fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) and a utility deposit of one hundred dollars (\$100.00), if no such deposit exists or if a deposit in a lesser amount currently exists for the account before service will be reconnected by the City. Service shall be reconnected during the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Holidays. Customers shall not be permitted to reconnect service on their own.

**SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE.**

The City Council of the City of Shoreacres hereby declares that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, phrase or word of this ordinance is declared unconstitutional or invalid by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, it will not affect the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council declares it would have passed and ordained all the remaining portions of this ordinance without the inclusion of those portions found to be unconstitutional or invalid.

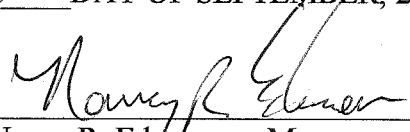
**SECTION 7. REPEAL OF PREVIOUS ORDINANCES.**

Ordinance Number 99-26 is hereby repealed and superceded by this Ordinance. Any other ordinance, in conflict herewith, shall be, and the same are, hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict only.

**SECTION 8. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.**

This ordinance is effective upon passage, except that the new rates, as outlined in Section 1 above, shall be effective on October 1, 2004.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 27 DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2004.

  
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Nancy R. Edmonson, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Shari Tait, City Secretary