

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2009-53

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR HURRICANE RELIEF ON RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND TRASH COLLECTION SERVICES.

Whereas, the citizens of the City of Shoreacres have suffered tremendous damage resulting from Hurricane Ike; and,

Whereas, such damage has resulted in the taxable value of the City of Shoreacres suffering a loss of more than twenty percent value; and,

Whereas, numerous homes continue to be severely damaged and unoccupied as a direct result of the hurricane; and,

Whereas, those residents who were fortunate to suffer lesser damage and have returned to their homes will bear a greater property tax burden than other taxpayers in the City of Shoreacres; and,

Whereas, the City Council desires to provide relief to those taxpayers and citizens most affected by the increased financial burden; and,

Whereas, the City of Shoreacres has reserves available to provide temporary relief; now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. WATER RATE RELIEF.

Effective December 1, 2009, and ending November 30, 2010, a credit of \$8.23 per month shall be applied to each residential account that accrues a monthly water charge of \$14.50 or more.

SECTION 2. SEWER RATE RELIEF.

Effective December 1, 2009, and ending November 30, 2010, a credit of \$8.22 per month shall be applied to each residential account that accrues a monthly sewer charge of \$17.50 or more.

SECTION 3. REFUSE COLLECTION RATE RELIEF.

Effective December 1, 2009, and ending November 30, 2010, a credit of \$8.23 per month shall be applied to each residential account that accrues a monthly sewer charge of \$13.35 or more.

SECTION 4. APPLICATION OF RATE RELIEF.

Water, sewer and refuse collection relief credits may be combined into a single dollar amount appearing on the utility bill. Rate relief extended under the provisions of this ordinance shall appear on the utility bill as a separate credit item(s) with the notation "IKE RELIEF."


SECTION 5. 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 6. EFFECTIVE DATE OF ORDINANCE.

This ordinance is effective upon passage, except that the relief, as outlined in Section 1, 2 and 3 above, shall be effective on December 1, 2009.

PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 12TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009.


Jayo Washington, Mayor

ATTEST:



David K. Stall
City Secretary