

ORDINANCE #351

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERD, PROVIDING THAT THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CITY OF SHEPHERD, TEXAS, BE AMENDED BY REVISING SECTION 20-68 AND SECTION 20.69 SUBSECTION (4) OF SAID CODE; PROVIDING WATER AND SEWER RATES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERD:

That section 20-68 (1) – (3) and section 20.69 (1) – (3),(6),(9) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Shepherd, be amended to read as follows:

Residential and Commercial Customers base water and base sewer rate will increase by \$3.50 to be effective November 1, 2023 to generate revenue for maintenance and operations.

1. The schedule of monthly rates or charges for service furnished by the city's water and sewer system shall be amended as follows:

(a) Residential water rates inside the city limits:		
1 st 2,000 gallons	Minimum rate	\$ 31.90
	Per thousand	\$ 3.37
(b) Residential water rates outside the city limits:		
1 st 2,000 gallons	Minimum rate	\$38.03
	Per thousand	\$ 3.54
(c) Commercial water rates by size of meter inside the city limits:		
5/8 Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$31.90
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
1" Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$31.90
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
1 ½ Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$33.43
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
2" Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$36.50
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
3" Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$39.57
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
4" Meter	1 st 2,000 gallons	\$42.92
	per thousand	\$ 3.37
(d) Sewer rates inside the city limits:		
1 st 2,000 gallons	Minimum rate	\$ 19.97
	Per thousand	\$ 3.54
(e) Sewer rates outside the city limits:		
1 st 2,000 gallons	Minimum rate	\$ 26.11
	Per thousand	\$ 3.54
(f) Sewer only:		
	Sewer only accounts	\$ 27.61

(g) The schedule of other charges shall be amended as follows:	
Installation of water tap	\$750.00
Installation of sewer tap	\$700.00
Street Cut	\$200-\$500
Road bore Fee	\$300.00 each
Over one-inch meter requires the	cost of the meter

(h)Reconnect fees for non-payment of bill:

Bill is considered disconnected at 9:00 am on Cut-Off Day.

Reconnect fees for non-payment of bill: \$60.00

- Note: No personal Check will be accepted for reconnect fees.

(i) Return Check Fee \$ 30.00

2. NO CHECKS will be accepted for any account that has been disconnected for non-payment of bill.

3. There will be a \$20.00 re-read fee to go out and re-read the meter if the reading is in-line and correct. If the reading is not correct, the customer will not be charged. The customer will be asked to read their own meter prior to the re-read.

4. Customers will be required to pay the replacement cost of any meter or endpoint that is damaged. If the City suspects intentional damaged it will be forwarded to the Shepherd Police Department for investigation. This replacement cost may be added to the Utility Bill as payment arrangements if needed. Meter: \$250
Endpoint: \$200

5. Culvert installation: \$700.00 minimum. The cost of materials could increase the cost. The Customer can use a private contractor as long as the City Specifications are followed. The Public Works Supervisor will inspect the ditch before to determine specifications and an inspection will be required at the end of the process to verify. (August 12, 2019)

CULVERT PERMIT: \$50.00 (IF THE CUSTOMER IS PROVIDING MATERIALS AND DOING THE LABOR)

12" CULVERT: \$700.00

15" CULVERT: \$750.00

18" CULVERT: \$850.00


OVER 18" IS AT THE DESCRETION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

5. Severability – If any provision, section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances for any reason is held to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid or for any reason unenforceable, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance or the application thereby shall remain in effect, it being the intent of the City Council of the City of Shepherd, Texas in adopting this ordinance, that no portion thereof or provision contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by any reason of unconstitutionality or invalidity of any portion or provision.

Any previous ordinances in conflict herewith are expressly repealed AND IT IS SO
ORDAINED. This ordinance shall be effective November 1, 2023.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this 11th day of September, 2023.

ATTEST:



Debra Hagler, City Secretary

APPROVED:



Charles Minton, Mayor