

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON
UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE 082311**

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE RATES TO CHARGE BY THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, TEXAS TO PERSONS, FIRMS, AND CORPORATIONS USING ITS WATER, SEWER, AND NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OR PARTS THEREOF, REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS; THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON COVENANTS AND AGREES WITH THE BOND HOLDERS, TO CHANGE RATES AND CHARGES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND NATURAL GAS SERVICES TO PROVIDE REVENUES SUFFICIENT AT ALL TIMES TO PAY MAINTENANCE AND OPERATING EXPENSES, DEPRECIATION, PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST WHICH WILL BE USED TO FUND SPECIAL FUNDS CREATED AND ESTABLISHED FOR PAYMENT AND SECURITY OF THE BONDS.

WHEREAS; THE RATES WILL PRODUCE NET REVENUES EQUAL TO AT LEAST 1.25 TIMES THE ANNUAL PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST REQUIREMENTS FOR BONDS THAT NET REVENUES WHICH ARE PLEDGED FOR PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST.

WHEREAS; THE TAX UTILITY SYSTEM GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS SERIES A & C AND UTILITY SYSTEM REVENUE REFUNDING BOND SERIES B, REQUIRE A TAX RATE TO BE ESTABLISHED TO PAY SUCH DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS NOT COVERED BY THE SYSTEM REVENUES.

WHEREAS; TO MAINTAIN RESPONSIBLE BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT POLICIES RATES FOR WATER, SEWER, AND NATURAL GAS WILL CHANGE TO THE FOLLOWING:

ALL MULTIPLE UNITS WILL BE CHARGED A MINIMUM BILL FOR WATER AND SEWER FOR EACH UNIT, AS WELL AS A RESIDENTIAL RATE ON WATER, REGARDLESS OF THE NUMBER OF WATER AND SEWER TAPS THEY HAVE.

WATER RATES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON:

TYPE OF WATER SERVICE	MINIMUM WITH NO USAGE	COST PER THOUSAND GALLONS
INSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$14.00	\$4.71
OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$26.00	\$4.85
INSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$21.00	\$4.71
OUTSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$27.00	\$4.85
SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$51.00	\$4.57

SEWER RATES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON:

TYPE OF SEWER SERVICE	FLAT RATE	COMMERCIAL & SCHOOL RATE AFTER FIRST 9,000 GALLONS
INSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$30.00	N/A
OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$55.00	N/A
INSIDE RESIDENTIAL OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE	\$20.00	N/A
OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE	\$38.00	N/A

INSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$40.00	\$4.33
OUTSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$90.00	\$4.33
SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$80.00	\$4.33

NATURAL GAS RATES FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON:

TYPE OF NATURAL GAS SERVICE	MINIMUM WITH NO USAGE	PER 1000 CF ADDED TO COST OF GAS
INSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$12.00	\$4.38
OUTSIDE RESIDENTIAL	\$16.00	\$4.38
INSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$20.00	\$4.38
OUTSIDE COMMERCIAL	\$22.00	\$4.38
SCHOOL DISTRICT	\$20.00	\$4.38
LARGE COMMERCIAL	\$25.00	\$3.75

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THE COST OF GAS WILL BE DETERMINED EACH MONTH BASED ON THE INVOICE FROM THE NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER.

WHEREAS; ALL INDUSTRIAL USERS DEFINED AS USING ABOVE 600 MCF OF NATURAL GAS IN A YEAR WILL BE CHARGED ON A BASIS TO BE NEGOTIATED BY THE ADMINISTRATOR AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. GENERALLY, THE INTENT WILL BE FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON TO CHARGE A FAIR AMOUNT PER MCF MORE THAN THE CITY PAYS FOR GAS. HOWEVER, FACTOS SUCH AS THE AMOUNT OF GAS USE. THE AVAILABILITY OF CAPACITY IN THE EXISTING LINES, AND THE AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY OF GAS WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN ESTABLISHING THE RATE.

GARBAGE FEES

RESIDENTIAL	WEEKLY/FRIDAY	\$16.50
RESIDENTIAL SENIORS	WEEKLY/FRIDAY	\$15.50

TAP FEES:

GAS	\$278.73
GAS – DUAL	\$139.36
GAS TAP ROAD BORE (OR CONTRACTORS AGREED PRICE)	\$500.00

SEWER – 4”	\$400.00
SEWER – 4” WITH ROAD BORE	\$840.00
SEWER – 6”	\$1,680.00
SEWER – 6” WITH ROAD BORE	\$1,890.00

6" SEWER TAPS MUST TIE INTO MANHOLES, IF NO EXISTING MANHOLE, CUSTOMER WILL PAY FOR THE EXTRA COST.

Outside City Limits Sewer Connections

Customer will be responsible to make application for sewer services and provide a map and plat of the property. The application will be given to Public Works Director to determine the need and if service is available. The sewer main must be adjacent to the property and the sewer main must have adequate capacity in order for the sewer connection to be approved and connected. The city will not extend any of our main lines in order to connect an outside customer to sanitary sewer. If a customer wants the city to extend sewer mains, the project would have to be presented to the City Council and approved by the council. If approved, the deposit and connect fee would have to be paid in advance. The **TAP FEE** for a (4") four inch tap will be \$400.00 and if a road bore is required the cost will be the tap fee plus cost of road bore. The City will hire a contractor to make the road bore, after the contractor quotes the price to the City, the customer will be notified of the total cost. If the customer agrees to have the project completed, all fees will be required to be paid and a work order will be made for the city to make the tap. Any time the city employees can not make tap and a contractor has to be hired by the City to make the tap; the customer will be responsible for the entire cost.

WATER – DUAL ADDING A METER TO EXISTING METER	\$168.00
WATER – 3/4"	\$400.00
WATER – 3/4" WITH ROAD BORE	\$670.00
WATER – 1"	\$525.00
WATER – 1" WITH ROAD BORE	\$850.00
WATER – 2"	\$1,950.00
WATER – 2" WITH ROAD BORE	\$1,950.00

FOR ANY TAPS LARGER THAN 2 INCH, CONTACT THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR PRICES.

CHECK WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR FOR PERMITTING AND CONSUMPTION FEES ON UTILITIES.

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES:

RETURN CHECK FEE	\$35.00
WATER SERVICE INSPECTION	\$40.00

CONNECT FEES – EACH UTILITY (INCLUDES SEWER ONLY CUSTOMERS)	\$36.00
RECONNECT FEES – EACH UTILITY	\$40.00
AFTER HOURS (5 P.M.) RECONNECT FEE – EACH UTILITY	\$60.00

DEPOSITS FEES FOR CITY UTILITIES:

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WATER / SEWER	RENTER	\$175.00
	HOMEOWNER	\$ 75.00
	COMMERCIAL	\$225.00
	LARGE COMMERCIAL	\$500.00

(Large commercial customer is defined as customer with a monthly bill of \$500.00 or more).

SEWER ONLY	ALL CUSTOMERS	\$150.00
GAS	RENTER	\$175.00
	HOMEOWNER	\$ 75.00
	COMMERCIAL	\$225.00
	LARGE COMMERCIAL	\$500.00

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RESIDENTIAL APARTMENTS with rental units – \$50.00 per unit.
MOBILE HOME PARK with rental units - \$50.00 per unit/ or customer sets up.
Homeowners must present proof of ownership at the time they set up as follows:
Warranty Deed or Purchase Contract

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RATE CHANGE TO BE SET FOR OCTOBER 2011 BILLING.

**PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON
THIS 23rd DAY OF AUGUST 2011.**

HERMAN WOOLBRIGHT, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CUSTOMER AGREEMENT – PAYMENT EXTENSION

This agreement between the City of Huntington and the property owner listed below shall be based on the fulfillment of the following terms and conditions:

1. Customer is unable to make utility payment by the business day PRIOR to cut off.
2. Customer comes by the CITY HALL and completes the customer agreement with property owner signature PRIOR to cut off day.
3. Customer agrees to pay the full balance of his account no later than 5 working days from the cut off day or date assigned by utility clerk.
4. Customer shall be allowed no more than (2) two payment extensions during a period of one year unless approved by administration.
5. Property owner will be responsible for all unpaid utilities at this location.

This payment extension is to be used in case of emergency only. I have read, understand, and agree to the above terms and conditions of this agreement.

Property Owner

Address

Huntington, Texas 75949

Telephone _____

Work _____

Payment due in City Hall no later than 4:30 on the fifth day which shall
be _____ . Customer Initial _____

Approved by (City)

Date of Agreement : _____