

**PARISH OF WEST FELICIANA**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023 JUNE 12-01**

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2020 MARCH 09-02 AND REVISE CHAPTER 34 OF THE WEST FELICIANA PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES, TO PROVIDE FOR RATES AND FEES TO BE CHARGED BY CONSOLIDATED WATER DISTRICT #13 AND THE TUNICA WATER SYSTEM; AND TO PROVIDE FURTHER WITH RESPECT THERETO.

THE WEST FELICIANA PARISH COUNCIL HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1**

Sec 34-1. Uniform Rates and Fees is repealed and reenacted to read as follows:

- a. Deposit: New accounts require a deposit of \$50.00, which shall be applied to the customer's final bill if service is terminated.
- b. Meter Installation (payable in advance):
  - i.  $\frac{3}{4}$ " \$500.00
  - ii. 1" \$650.00
  - iii. 2" and larger Cost of meter and materials
  - iv. If a customer service line is within 300 feet of the Parish Water main line, the customer is responsible for time and materials to connect.
  - v. The customer service line shall include a shut off valve and valve box with cover, which is to be located no more than 3 feet from the Parish's meter box. Service shall commence on the date set by the Parish and then only after inspection and approval of the customer's service line.
- c. Water Usage:
  - i. Residential
    - i. \$22.00 per month minimum for 0-2,000 gallons
    - ii. \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum usage
  - ii. Commercial
    - i. \$60.00 per month minimum for 0-10,000 gallons
    - ii. \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum usage
  - iii. Government
    - i. \$56.25 per month minimum for 0-10,000 gallons
    - ii. \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons over the minimum usage

d. Other Fees:

i.	Activation Fee for Existing Meter	\$25.00
ii.	Reconnect Fee	\$50.00
iii.	NSF Fee	\$25.00
iv.	Transfer Fee	\$20.00
v.	Name Change Fee	\$15.00
vi.	Late Charge Fees	10% of Water Balance
vii.	Re-read Fees (if original was correct)	\$25.00
viii.	Damaged Meter Replacement	Cost of Meter and Materials
ix.	Meter Box Replacement	Cost of Materials
x.	Unauthorized Use Fee	\$500.00
xi.	Calibration Fee (if meter working properly)	\$100.00

Sec. 34-2. Disconnect, Reconnection, Meter Removal and Reinstallation Upon Failure to Pay.

- a. Service will be disconnected, and the meter locked if full payment is not received within 30 days of the payment due date.
- b. Reconnection shall require payment of the entire balance due for the address served by the meter, plus a reconnection fee, and a deposit of \$50.00.
- c. Damaging or Tampering with a meter or meter lock shall be cause for removal of the meter.
- d. Reinstallation of the meter shall require payment of the entire balance due for the address served by the meter, a reconnection fee, a meter installation fee, and a deposit of \$50.00.
- e. Damaging or Tampering with a meter or meter lock shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a term of imprisonment of up to 30 days in the parish jail or a fine of up to \$500.00 or both.
- f. Connection to the water system without compliance with the provisions of this ordinance shall be considered theft and shall subject the violator to a charge under Louisiana criminal law.

Sec. 34-3. Disclosure: The Parish shall charge the customer for all associated costs pertaining to damages caused by the customer.

Sec. 34-4. Any user who changes from any other water source to the parish water system shall obtain a permit and engage a licensed plumber to ensure that the customer line is properly flushed. A customer who has exited the parish water system to an alternative water system and

then seeks to reconnect to the parish water system shall obtain a permit, which shall require an inspection to ensure compliance with state and local water system regulations.

## SECTION 2

Prior to collection of the foregoing rates, fees, and deposits is hereby ratified and confirmed.

Introduced by President Kenny Havard at a regular meeting of the West Feliciana Parish Council on May 8, 2023.

Publication of Summary and Notice of Public Hearing on: May 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Full reading and passage on June 12, 2023.

Moved for adoption by Clay Pinson. Seconded by Justin Metz.


FOR: YOUNG, PINSON, METZ, DREHER, THOMPSON

AGAINST: NONE

ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

ATTEST:

  
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John Thompson  
West Feliciana Parish Council Chair

6/13/2023

Date

  
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Emily Cobb  
West Feliciana Parish Council Secretary

6/13/2023

Date