

## ORDINANCE No. 14-024

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARLIN TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT THE WATER RATE PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY SUBSTITUTING NEW RATES FOR THE WATER SUPPLIED BY THE CITY OF MARLIN; FINDING THAT SUCH RATES ARE REASONABLE AND NECESSARY, THAT THE DIFFERENCES IN SUCH RATES ARE NECESSARY DUE TO THE COST OF SUPPLYING WATER; REPEALING PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Marlin, Texas:

Section 1. To provide needed revenue adequate to operate, maintain and service debt requirements for the utility systems it is necessary to:

- a. Increase gross water revenue by approximately 9% by increasing the monthly base rate \$6.65 for residential customers and \$7.50 for commercial customers.
- b. Combine current individual charges for consumption, debt service, demand, water rehab, etc. into a basic water rate for the various customer classes. This basic rate consists of a minimum bill for the first 2,000 gallons and a variable rate on usage thereafter.

Section 2. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marlin relative to the water rates is amended and such water services shall hereafter be as follows:

### **RATES FOR WATER SERVICE INSIDE CITY LIMITS (RESIDENTIAL)**

There shall be charged and collected from each residential customer of water inside the City Limits a monthly charge of \$30.65 for the first 2,000 gallons of water consumed, consumption thereafter as follows:

<u>Variable Rate</u>	<u>Per Thousand Gallons</u>
0            2,000	included
2,001       5,000	\$6.62
5,001       15,000	\$6.77
15,001      25,000	\$6.92
25,001      & over	\$7.07

Section 3. That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marlin relative to water rates is amended and such rates for water services are found to be reasonable and necessary due to higher cost of service outside the City Limits, and such rates shall hereafter be as follows:

**RATES FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (RESIDENTIAL)**

There shall be charged and collected from each residential customer of water outside the City Limits a monthly charge of \$43.40 for the first 2,000 gallons of water consumed, consumption thereafter as follows:

<u>Variable Rate</u>		<u>Per Thousand Gallons</u>
0	2,000	included
2,001	5,000	\$6.62
5,001	15,000	\$6.77
15,001	25,000	\$6.92
25,001	& over	\$7.07

Section 4. CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS

**RATES FOR WATER SERVICES FOR CHURCHES AND SCHOOLS**

Churches shall be billed as residential. Schools shall be billed as commercial. The inside-outside city limit differential shall apply.

Section 5. COMMERCIAL INSIDE CITY LIMITS

**RATES FOR WATER SERVICE INSIDE CITY LIMITS (COMMERICAL)**

There shall be charged and collected from each consumer of water a monthly minimum charge as follows:

<u>Size Meter</u>	<u>Minimum Bill</u>
3/4 inch	\$49.50
1 inch	\$57.50
1 ½ inch	\$64.50
2 inch	\$79.50
3 inch	\$149.50
4 inch	\$199.50
6 inch and up	\$349.50

for the first 2,000 gallons of water used by a commercial consumer inside the city limits, consumption thereafter as follows:

<u>Variable Rate</u>		<u>Per Thousand Gallons</u>
0	2,000	included
2,001	5,000	\$7.22
5,001	15,000	\$7.12
15,001	25,000	\$7.01

25,001	50,000	\$6.77
50,001	500,000	\$6.66
500,001	& over	\$6.35

Section 6. COMMERCIAL OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

**RATES FOR WATER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (COMMERCIAL)**

There shall be charge and collected from each consumer of water a monthly minimum charge as follows:

<u>Size Meter</u>	<u>Minimum Bill</u>
3/4 inch	\$59.80
1 inch	\$67.80
1 ½ inch	\$74.80
2 inch	\$89.80
3 inch	\$159.80
4 inch	\$209.80
6 inch and up	\$359.80

for the first 2,000 gallons of water used by a commercial consumer inside the city limits, consumption thereafter as follows:

<u>Variable Rate</u>		<u>Per Thousand Gallons</u>
0	2,000	included
2,001	5,000	\$7.22
5,001	15,000	\$7.12
15,001	25,000	\$7.01
25,001	50,000	\$6.77
50,001	500,000	\$6.66
500,001	& over	\$6.35

**Section 7. SECONDARY METER RATE**

For water service where no return to sewer is involved such as outdoor irrigation systems or various industrial processes, a secondary meter may be installed at the property owner's expense to measure the consumption for such secondary use in order to avoid a sewer charge on that portion of the water consumption. When such secondary meter is installed, it will not be subject to a minimum bill but only charged the variable rate for all usage metered based on the same rates charged at the main meter.

Section 8. That the rates set forth in this ordinance shall be assessed for all services billed on or after October 1, 2014.

Section 9. That all parts of this ordinance in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed, the remained of such ordinance shall continue on full force and effect.

Section 10. That if any provision of this ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remanded such ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 11. That it is the intention of the City Council of the City of Marlin, and is hereby ordained that the provisions of this ordinance shall become and be part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Marlin and that sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or relettered to accomplish such intentions.

Section 12. The Council finds that an emergency exists that necessitates that this Ordinance become effective no later than October 1, 2014 without the necessity of further action in the event of any inability to hold a second meeting. The City's fiscal requirements require that the increased revenue be available to satisfy bond covenants.

Section 13. That it is hereby officially found and determined that the meeting at which this ordinance is passed is open to the public as required by the law and that the public notice of the time, place and purpose of said meeting is given as required.

**Passed, Approved and Adopted on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014.**



*Elizabeth Nelson*  
Elizabeth Nelson, Mayor

*Sandra Herring*  
Sandra Herring, City Secretary