

ORDINANCE NO. 720
(Water Rates and Surcharge Ordinance)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 648 TO REVISE MUNICIPAL WATER RATES, ESTABLISHING CONSTRUCTION AND SPECIAL ACTIVITY DISTRICT RATES, CONSOLIDATING ALL WATER RATE SCHEDULES WITHIN THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined a revision to the water rates of the City of Parker is desirable; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that significant and continuing water rate increases and costs of water purchases from North Texas Municipal Water District has increased significantly since the passage of Ordinance 648, and is projected to continue to increase,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Municipal water rates shall be charged and collected monthly by the City of Parker as follows:

Rate Code R1 – Residential Single Family Water Rates

0 – 4,000	gallons	\$ 40.00
4,001 – 15,000	gallons	\$ 3.25 per thousand gallons
15,001 – 30,000	gallons	\$ 4.00 per thousand gallons
30,001 – 50,000	gallons	\$ 5.00 per thousand gallons
50,001 – 70,000	gallons	\$ 8.00 per thousand gallons
70,001	gallons and more	\$ 11.00 per thousand gallons

SECTION 2. MANUFACTURED HOUSING PARKS WATER RATES

- A. Each manufactured housing unit in a Manufactured Housing Park will be charged the same base rate of \$40.00 charged to a single family residence. A ten unit mobile home park would therefore owe a \$400.00 per month base rate for up to 40,000 gallons.
- B. Water used by a mobile home park in excess of the base rate quantity per unit will be charged on the same rate schedule as a residential single family unit. A ten unit mobile home park which used 400,000 gallons in a month would be charged at the rate of \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons. (400,000 gallons divided by 10 equals 40,000 per unit)

SECTION 3. CONSTRUCTION WATER RATES

Any person or entity purchasing water by written permission from the City of Parker for construction or other purpose from a fire hydrant with a water meter attached, or any other similar method, shall pay a rate of \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons.

SECTION 4. COMMERCIAL WATER RATES

Any person or entity purchasing water for use in a district zoned SA-Special Activities, shall pay at the rates defined in Section 1, above.

SECTION 5. NEW WATER SERVICE RATES

Connections will be charged as follows:

1" Water Meter with existing tap	\$ 2,000.00
1" Water Meter requiring tap	\$ 3,000.00
2" Water Meter with existing tap	\$ 4,000.00
2" Water Meter requiring tap	\$ 4,500.00

New water service requiring a road bore, or other special installation, shall pay the water meter fee above, plus the actual cost of the bore, plus 10%. All road bores require prior approval of the City water department, if not performed by the City or under the direction of the City.

SECTION 6. SURCHARGE RATE AMOUNTS

The City of Parker has a contractual agreement for the provision of water to Parker by the North Texas Municipal Water District. As a part of that contractual agreement, Parker may be required to comply with the Drought Contingency Plans of North Texas Municipal Water District, and those of the State of Texas. Parker may be requested, in the event of the implementation of Stage 3, and/or Stage 4 of the Drought Contingency Plans, for the City Council to require the payment of a surcharge on water services during the duration of Stages 3 or 4. The purpose of the surcharge is to provide additional financial incentive for water customers to reduce their use of water while drought conditions persist. Therefore, for water customers using the amounts set forth below, surcharges may be charged in the event either Stage 3, or subsequently, Stage 4, restrictions are imposed. The percentages indicated are increases in the rates per thousand for the bracket shown. For 40,000 gallons, the surcharge rate in Stage 3 would be: \$5.00 (1.05) = \$5.25.

A. Single Family Residential Units, and Mobile Home Units:

1. Stage 3

30,000 – 50,000 gallons	5%
50,000 – 70,000 gallons	8%
70,000 – 80,000 gallons	9%
80,000 or more gallons	10%

2. Stage 4

30,000 – 50,000 gallons	8%
50,000 – 70,000 gallons	14%
70,000 or more gallons	20%

- B. Manufactured Housing Unit surcharges will be calculated in the same manner as the surcharges above for the Single Family Residential Units. Surcharges for the manufactured housing units are the same percentage as the Single Family Residential. The surcharge is calculated by the total water used by the manufactured housing park, divided by the number of manufactured housing units equals average number of gallons used per unit. That average number of gallons per unit is used to determine the surcharge percentage.**
- C. Surcharges for all other customers in the SA - Special Activities District, or for Construction use, pay the same surcharge as Single Family Residential.**

SECTION 7. REPEALER CLAUSE

That all provisions of the ordinances (including Ordinances No. 469, 592, and 648) of the City of Parker, Texas, in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and all other provisions of the ordinances of the City of Parker, Texas, not in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

That should any sentence, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase or section of this ordinance be adjudged or held to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision thereof other than the part so decided to be invalid, illegal or unconstitutional, and shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole.

SECTION 9. PENALTY CLAUSE

That any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions or terms of this Ordinance shall upon conviction be punished by a fine not to exceed the sum of Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each and every day such violation shall continue shall be deemed and constitute a separate offense.


SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and the publication of the caption, as the law in such cases provides; however, the municipal rates established herein shall take effect for the monthly billing cycle which commences February 1, 2015. Rates charged to customers for the February 1, 2015 billing cycle will commence with the customer's last regularly scheduled meter reading prior to February 1, 2015, through the regularly scheduled meter reading for the customer in February of 2015.

DULY PASSED by the City Council of the City of Parker, Texas, on this 22nd day of January, 2015.

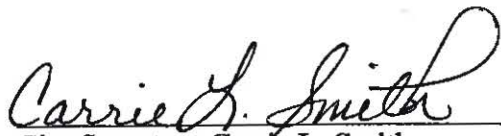


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