

**ORDINANCE NO. 739**  
*(Water Rate Amendments for 2016-2020)*

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PARKER, TEXAS, AMENDING MUNICIPAL WATER RATES OF THE CITY; 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 necessary; 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 occurred since the passage of Ordinance 720, and such rates are projected to continue to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the conflicting requirements of both paying the minimum under the take or pay requirements of the contract with North Texas Municipal Water District and reducing the water usage per capita in Parker make the current water rates fiscally unsupportable;

**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 shown in Attachment A to this Ordinance. The rates shall change each billing cycle which includes October 1 of each year of 2016 through and including 2020, as set forth in Attachment A.

**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 may purchase water upon receiving written permission from the City of Parker for construction and development within the City of Parker from a fire hydrant with a water meter attached. The person or entity shall pay a rate of \$8.00 for the first 50,000 gallons

used per month and shall pay residential rates in accordance with attachment A for all amounts in excess of 50,000 gallons. Surcharge rates apply to all rates in the event Surcharge rates are imposed in accordance with Section 6 of this Ordinance. Permission for such sales is dependent on water availability, conservation efforts, and is subject to other contractual conditions. Limitations may be placed on such water purchases, and permission may be terminated without notice.

#### **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 required in Section 1, above.

#### **SECTION 5. NEW WATER METER AND TAP RATES**

Connections for new water service will be charged as shown in the City Fee schedule. The charges include water meters and water line tap fees.

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 brackets shown in Attachment A.

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

1. Stage 3

All brackets would have an additional five percent (5%) charge added. For example, for 40,000 gallons, the surcharge rate in Stage 3 in October of 2017 would be: \$5.95 (1.05) = \$6.25 per thousand gallons.

2. Stage 4

All brackets would have an additional eight percent (8%) charge added.

For example, for 15,000 gallons, the surcharge rate in Stage 4 in October of 2018 would be:  $\$5.10 (1.08) = \$5.51$  per thousand gallons.

- 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, 648 and 720) 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 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) 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. The municipal rates established herein shall take effect for the monthly billing cycle which commences October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year listed in Attachment A. The new rates will be reflected in the following month's water bills. Rates charged to customers for the October 1, billing cycle will commence with the customer's last regularly scheduled meter

reading prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, through the regularly scheduled meter reading for the customer in October.

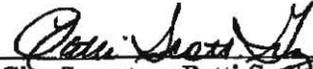
**DULY PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Parker, Texas, on this 10th day of August, 2016.

APPROVED:



  
Mayor Z Marshall

ATTEST:

  
City Secretary Patti Scott Grey

APPROVED TO FORM:

  
City Attorney James E. Shepherd

<b>Water Rates - Residential</b>	<b>Effective Oct 2016</b>	<b>Effective Oct 2017</b>	<b>Effective Oct 2018</b>	<b>Effective Oct 2019</b>	<b>Effective Oct 2020</b>
<b>Min Chg - Includes 1<sup>st</sup> 4,000 Gal</b>	<b>\$ 40.00</b>				
<b>Volume Rate Per 1,000 Gal.</b>					
<b>4,001 15,000</b>	<b>\$ 3.55</b>	<b>\$ 3.85</b>	<b>\$ 4.10</b>	<b>\$ 4.20</b>	<b>\$ 4.35</b>
<b>15,000 30,000</b>	<b>\$ 4.35</b>	<b>\$ 4.75</b>	<b>\$ 5.10</b>	<b>\$ 5.25</b>	<b>\$ 5.40</b>
<b>30,001 50,000</b>	<b>\$ 5.45</b>	<b>\$ 5.95</b>	<b>\$ 6.35</b>	<b>\$ 6.55</b>	<b>\$ 6.75</b>
<b>50,001 70,000</b>	<b>\$ 8.70</b>	<b>\$ 9.50</b>	<b>\$ 10.15</b>	<b>\$ 10.45</b>	<b>\$ 10.75</b>
<b>70,001 Above</b>	<b>\$ 12.00</b>	<b>\$ 13.10</b>	<b>\$ 14.00</b>	<b>\$ 14.40</b>	<b>\$ 14.85</b>