

ORDINANCE NO. 4788

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 122, ARTICLE III, OF THE BOSSIER PARISH CODE OF ORDINANCES OF BOSSIER PARISH, LOUISIANA, "UTILITIES" TO ADD SECTION 122-73 "CONSOLIDATED WATERWORKS/SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 FEES AND POLICIES"

BE IT ORDAINED by the Bossier Parish Police Jury in regular and legal session on this 2nd day of September, 2020, that Chapter 122, Article III, be and is hereby amended to add Section 73 as follows:

Section 122-73. Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 Fees and Policies.

(a) Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 has determined the following schedule of fees to be established and charged to each residence or commercial establishment connected to and utilizing the public water and sewer systems in the District:

- (1) *Residential Water*: Base Rate: \$20.00 for initial 2,000 gallons of metered water usage. User Charge: \$3.00 for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage or portion thereof over initial 2,000 gallons.
- (2) *Commercial Water*: Base Rate: \$35.00 for initial 2,000 gallons of metered water usage. User Charge: \$3.00 for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage or portion thereof over initial 2,000 gallons.
- (3) *Residential Sewer*: Base Rate: \$30.00 for initial 2,000 gallons of metered water usage. User Charge: \$2.50 for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage or portion thereof over initial 2,000 gallons. Mobile Home parks and/or apartment complexes on master water meters will be charged a Base Rate and a User Charge Fee per occupied unit.
- (4) *Commercial Sewer*: Base Rate: \$50.00 for initial 2,000 gallons of metered water usage. User Charge: \$2.50 for each 1,000 gallons of metered water usage or portion thereof over initial 2,000 gallons.

(b) *Billing Adjustments.*

- (1) *Leak Adjustments.* Customers will be allowed a maximum of two (2) leak adjustments per year at the customer's request. An adjustment of one-half (1/2) of the water usage (if the water is owned by Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1) and one-half (1/2) of the sewer usage will be credited to the customer's account once proof of the leak being repaired is provided to the billing office. Proof of repair may be a plumbing invoice, parts receipt or a letter stating the nature of the leak and the date and method of repair.
- (2) *Pool Adjustments.* Customers will be allowed a maximum of one (1) pool adjustment per year at the customer's request. The adjustment will only be made to the sewer usage portion of the bill. Adjustments will be credited to the customer's account. The adjustment will be determined by one of the following methods:
 - a. Customer will need to provide an accurate read from their water meter prior to the commencement and immediately following the completion of filling the pool. A calculation of the difference of the beginning and end reads will determine the number of gallons which will be adjusted.
 - b. If the customer is unable to provide accurate beginning and end reads from their water meter, the customer shall provide the dimensions of the pool and approximate gallons held by the pool.

(c) *Averaging of Bills.* Once a customer has had continuous service from mid-September to mid-March (“cooler months” period), the average of that six-month usage will be used as the sewerage usage for mid-March through mid-September. After that, the “cooler months” average will be recalculated based on the previous year and applied for the next year. This recalculation will take place every year. This policy is designed to compensate high water usage for watering lawns and gardens not to increase sewerage usage charges. This policy applies only to Residential Customers.

(d) *Payments and Penalties.* Payments must be received in the billing office by the posted due date. A five-percent (5%) charge will be assessed after the due date. If an account is not paid within five (5) business days after the due date, service will be disconnected.

- (1) If Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 owns the water at a service site, disconnection will be made by turning off the water at the meter. All delinquent uses and penalties must be paid in full and a \$50.00 reconnection fee will be required prior to service being reconnected.
- (2) If Consolidated Waterworks/Sewerage District No. 1 does not own the water but handles the sewerage at service site, disconnection will be made by capping the sewer line. Customer or property owner will be responsible for all fees associated with the disconnection and reconnection of the line. Reconnection of the line must be made by a master plumber and must be approved by the Director of Public Utilities or representative prior to covering the cap.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any provisions or items of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or applications and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that all ordinances or parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

The ordinance was offered by Mr. Jorden, seconded by Mr. Darby. Upon unanimous vote, it was duly adopted on this 2nd day September, 2020.

RACHEL D. HAUSER
PARISH SECRETARY

JIMMY COCHRAN, PRESIDENT
BOSSIER PARISH POLICY JURY