

# Memorandum

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council  
**From:** Charles Cunningham, Finance Director  
**Cc:** Frank Salvato, City Manager  
Ted Hejl, City Attorney  
**Date:** September 5, 2003  
**Re:** Revenue Ordinance 2003-34

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Coincident with adoption of the annual budget, the City Council needs to adopt a new schedule of fees and service charges that will go into effect at the beginning of the fiscal year. Ordinance 2002-34 is proposed to serve this purpose. In order that you are fully aware of the changes proposed for the new fiscal year beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, the following is a summary of the changes made to Ordinance 2003-07 which was the final amended version of the Revenue Ordinance adopted for the current (02-03) fiscal year.

## Summary Description of Changes:

### I. Community Development, Engineering and Construction Fees.

The only significant change in this category of fees relates to provisions of Ordinances 2003-24 and 2003-25 concerning Enterprise and Empowerment Zones. Under these Ordinances the Council approved a 50% discount on Zoning, Subdivision, Impact and other development fees. Affected fees in this section were amended to add this stipulation in the new Revenue Ordinance. These additions as well as any changes from the previous Ordinance are shown in red ink on Exhibit A of the Ordinance.

D. Contractor permits- In reviewing fees charged by other similarly sized cities, it was determined that a \$0.07 per square foot charge was more common than \$0.06 per square foot, so an increase of \$0.01 per square foot was recommended. In addition to this change, a clearer explanation of the method used to calculate each of the permit fees is provided. Again these additions are shown in red type.

5 A – Building Permits. Item number 15 was added to cover “Tents”.

E. Plan Review - Changes were made to the description of the items to clarify their intent.

F. Inspection Fees - Fees remain the same, examples added for clarification.

G. Sign Permits - Items 4 (Banner sign) and 5 (Refacing a sign) were added in accordance with specifications of Sign Ordinance 2003-17. Clarifying wording was also added.

**II. Public Safety** - No changes

**III. Public Works** -No Changes

**IV. Public Facility Rental** - No changes

**V. Recreation Fees** – No changes

**VI. Utility Charges**

D. Water Rates

Meter Size	Base Rate Current	Base Rate New
5/8 to 3/4"	\$ 19.50	\$ 23.19
1"	\$ 32.50	\$ 33.56
1 1/2"	\$ 68.10	\$ 59.26
2"	\$118.50	\$ 90.22
3"	\$262.50	\$ 162.51
4"	\$464.10	\$ 265.76
6"	\$649.94	\$ 523.66

Volume Charge changes from \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 to \$3.61 per 1,000 gallons. For multi-family dwellings, the current \$ 5.00 LEU charge is increased to \$ 10.84.

E. Sewer Rates

Meter Size	Base Rate Current	Base Rate New
5/8 to 3/4"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
1"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
1 1/2"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
2"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
3"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
4"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42
6"	\$ 12.07	\$ 12.42

Volume Charge changes from \$3.69 per 1,000 gallons after the first 2,000 to \$4.14 per 1,000 gallons. Residential rates are based on average volumes and commercial rates are calculated on actual use each month.

The impact of these rates on representative customers is shown on the attachment to this memo.

**VII. Airport**

**A. Hangar and Tie Down Rental**

Hangar	Current Rate/Mo.	New Rate/Mo.
<b>A</b>	\$ 150.00	\$ 168.00
<b>B</b>	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00
<b>C</b>	\$ 210.00	\$ 235.00
<b>D</b>	\$ 210.00	\$ 235.00
Tie Downs	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00

**VIII. Cemetery – No changes**

**IX. Miscellaneous Fees and Permits – No Changes**



**COMPARISON OF REPRESENTATIVE BILLS:**

	Current 2002-03	Projected 2003-04	Percent Increase	Small Comm. (1" meter) Water	Current 2002-03	Projected 2003-04	Percent Increase	Large Comm. (2" meter) Water	Current 2002-03	Projected 2003-04	Percent Increase
<b>Average Residential (5/8" &amp; 3/4" meter)</b>											
Water											
Base Rate	\$19.50	\$23.19	18.92%	Base Rate	\$32.10	\$33.56	4.55%	Base Rate	\$118.50	\$90.22	-23.86%
Consumption (8,500 gal)	14.63	23.47	60.44%	Consumption (50,000 gal)	108.00	173.28	60.44%	Consumption (200,000 gal)	445.50	714.78	60.44%
Subtotal Water	\$34.13	\$46.66	36.72%	Subtotal Water	\$140.10	\$206.84	47.64%	Subtotal Water	\$564.00	\$805.00	42.73%
<b>Sewer</b>				<b>Sewer</b>				<b>Sewer</b>			
Base Rate	\$12.07	12.42	2.90%	Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%	Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%
Consumption (4,900 gal)	8.06	12.01	48.92%	Consumption (50,000 gal)	177.12	198.72	12.20%	Consumption (200,000 gal)	730.62	819.72	12.20%
Subtotal Sewer	\$20.13	\$24.43	21.33%	Subtotal Sewer	\$189.19	\$211.14	11.60%	Subtotal Sewer	\$742.69	\$832.14	12.04%
<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$54.26</b>	<b>\$71.08</b>	<b>31.01%</b>	<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$329.29</b>	<b>\$417.98</b>	<b>26.93%</b>	<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$1,306.69</b>	<b>\$1,637.14</b>	<b>25.29%</b>
	Diff:	\$16.82				\$88.69				\$330.45	
<b>Large Residential (5/8" &amp; 3/4" meters)</b>											
Water											
Base Rate	\$19.50	\$23.19	18.92%	Base Rate	\$118.50	\$90.22	-23.86%	Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%
Consumption (15,000 gal)	29.25	46.93	60.44%	Consumption (200,000 gal)	445.50	714.78	60.44%	Consumption (200,000 gal)	730.62	819.72	12.20%
Subtotal Water	\$48.75	\$70.12	43.84%	Subtotal Water	\$564.00	\$805.00	42.73%	Subtotal Water	\$742.69	\$832.14	12.04%
<b>Sewer</b>				<b>Sewer</b>				<b>Sewer</b>			
Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%	Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%	Base Rate	\$12.07	\$12.42	2.90%
Consumption (10,000 gal)	29.52	33.12	12.20%	Consumption (10,000 gal)	29.52	33.12	12.20%	Consumption (10,000 gal)	29.52	33.12	12.20%
Subtotal Sewer	\$41.59	\$45.54	9.50%	Subtotal Sewer	\$41.59	\$45.54	9.50%	Subtotal Sewer	\$41.59	\$45.54	9.50%
<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$90.34</b>	<b>\$115.66</b>	<b>28.03%</b>	<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$90.34</b>	<b>\$115.66</b>	<b>28.03%</b>	<b>Total Utility Bill</b>	<b>\$90.34</b>	<b>\$115.66</b>	<b>28.03%</b>
		\$25.32				\$25.32				\$25.32	

## ORDINANCE NO. 2003-34

AN ORDINANCE PRESCRIBING CERTAIN RATES FOR UTILITIES AND OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR, AMENDING ALL APPLICABLE ORDINANCES AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS; PROVIDING FOR SCHEDULE OF FEES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; ESTABLISHING EFFECTIVE DATES; AND PROVIDING A SAVINGS CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, in connection with the adoption of the budget for the fiscal year commencing October 1, 2003 and ending September 30, 2004 a review has been made by the City Council covering rates, fees and charges of the City of Taylor for certain utilities and services rendered or provided by the City of Taylor; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed advantageous to set out all of said rates, fees and charges in one ordinance for the convenience of the City of Taylor, its employees and the citizens of Taylor and public in general; and

WHEREAS, it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to adopt new rate schedules, fees and charges for such utilities and services provided by the City of Taylor; and

WHEREAS, it is recognized that the existing ordinances covering the various rates, fees and charges are numerous and it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to amend all of said prior ordinance so as to set forth the new rate and fee schedules as provided herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TAYLOR:

SECTION 1.0 Exhibit A which is attached to this Ordinance as a reference and is incorporated into this Ordinance as presented, lists each of the specific fees and charges authorized by the City Council for Fiscal Year 2003-04.

SECTION 2.0 All fees and charges specified in Exhibit A, shall be in effect as of October 1, 2003 unless otherwise noted for specified fees and charges as shown in Exhibit A.

SECTION 3.0 All ordinances heretofore adopted by this City covering the fees and charges as set forth in the ordinance be and each of said ordinances is hereby amended so as to incorporate therein the applicable fees as set forth and contained in Exhibit A of this ordinance.

SECTION 4.0 If any sentence, phrase, paragraph or other part of this ordinance should be held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction such holding of invalidity shall not effect the remainder of this ordinance and all portions of this ordinance not held to be invalid shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5.0 All other terms and conditions contained in the amended ordinances, except as amended herein and hereby, shall continue and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 6.0 In accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the City Charter, this ordinance was introduced before the City Council of the City of Taylor, Texas on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2003.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Taylor this, the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September , A.D. 2003.

ATTEST:

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Donald R. Hill, Mayor

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Barbara Belz, City Clerk